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URGENT 6-20-63
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC MILWAUKEE 201551

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO:MILWAUKEE.

REMIRAD JUNE 19 INSTANT.

HOODLUMS JOHN C. RIZZO AND JOHN AIELLO DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ABDUCTION. [REDACTED] ALSO DENIED HAVING INFORMATION AND STATED THAT HE DOUBTED COVELLI'S STORY.

ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHONED AGENT SAYING HE CHECKED WITH ATTORNEY [REDACTED] AND DETERMINED THAT THE GIRL HE REFERRED TO IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S RADIOGRAM, WAS [REDACTED] WHOM HE MET AT A BAR. IN YESTERDAY'S PERSONAL INTERVIEW IN DESCRIBING THIS GIRL, HE GAVE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION [REDACTED] IN PHONE CALL [REDACTED] ALSO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW [REDACTED] BUT [REDACTED] GAVE HER [REDACTED] NAME ONLY AS A JOKE. [REDACTED] PCI, AND [REDACTED] HEARD THROUGH FORMER KENOSHA POLICEMEN THAT IN 1952 SUBJECT ABDUCTED [REDACTED] OF KENOSHA AND RELEASED AFTER [REDACTED] AGREED TO SURRENDER HIS BUSINESS TO SUBJECT. ALLEGEDLY NO COMPLAINT WAS MADE TO POLICE. VERIFICATION SOUGHT THROUGH INFORMANTS BEFORE INTERVIEW [REDACTED] WHO DID NOT MENTION INCIDENT IN RECENT INTERVIEW REGARDING SUBJECT.

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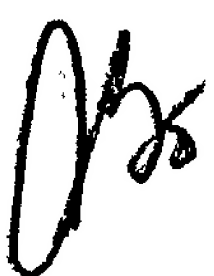
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[redacted] is the attorney for Covelli who claimed that he had been abducted by "FBI Agents." His name was found in notebook of prostitute indicating he referred clients to her. Department attorneys have advised Grand Jury hearings will be held on Covelli abduction beginning July 16, next. XIn addition to the Covelli abduction witnesses will be questioned concerning murder of Biernat and illegal activities of organized underworld Wisconsin.



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WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA. IGA.
 REMIRAD JUNE 18 INSTANT.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED JUNE 18:

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND STATED MET
 [REDACTED] ATTORNEY FOR WILLIAM COVELLI, IN JULY 1962,
 WHEN HE DEFENDED HER ON A BURGLARY CHARGE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.
 [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY DEFENDED HER IN PROSTITUTION CHARGE
 MARCH 27, 1963 AND LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS CHARGE MAY 14, 1963.
 SHE FREQUENTLY VISITS FRIENDS IN CHICAGO, ILL. WHERE [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] ALSO HAS A LAW OFFICE IN ADDITION TO HIS MILWAUKEE
 OFFICE AND THERE ON FREQUENT OCCASIONS ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
 DATES [REDACTED] SHE ALSO DATES HIM IN MILWAUKEE, WIS. SHE
 DESCRIBES [REDACTED] AS "A FISH" WHICH SHE DEFINES AS PERSON WHO
 TAKES GIRL TO DINNER AND SHOWS HER OFF BUT HAS NO INTERCOURSE
 WITH HER. DENIES ANY SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]
 IDENTIFIED PHOTOSTATE OF HER NOTEBOOK AS CONTAINING HER HAND-
 WRITING AND STATES LIST OF FOUR MEN UNDER WHICH NOTATION APPEARS
 "REFERRED [REDACTED] ONE OF WHOM IS [REDACTED]
 TEAMSTER LOCAL 200, WERE ALSO BUSINESS DATES WITH NO SEXUAL
 MATTERS INVOLVED.

[REDACTED] HAS TAKEN HER TO GALLAGHER'S RESTAURANT OWNED BY
 FRANK BALISTRIERI AT THE BEGINNING OF 1963 WHERE SHE HAS MET

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NOT COME TO THE SO UNLESS THEY GOT A WARRANT.

[REDACTED] AL ALBANA, KENOSHA, WIS. WHO HAS
 BROUGHT [REDACTED] STATES "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
 ABOUT ANYTHING" AND WAS OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS AND [REDACTED] AL ALBANA
 WAS IN BACK YARD OF HOUSE. PCI [REDACTED] ADVISED TWICE
 THAT [REDACTED]

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To: Director, FBI (162-777)
From: *PHS* SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P
Subject: *W* WILLIAM COVELLI
HOODLUM ACTIVITIES
MILWAUKEE DIVISION

ReBureau radiogram 6/12/63 and Milwaukee radiogram of 6/17/63.

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[redacted] in consultation with USA and AUSA and an Agent of this office have determined that if their superiors approve they will follow the course of action set out hereafter as to use of Federal Grand Jury in connection with captioned matter and related investigations:

1. Use the Grand Jury already impaneled, and on 7/16/63, present witnesses as follows:

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3 Bureau (AM)
3 Milwaukee (1-92-257 JOSEPH GURERA)
(1-165-18 VERNON HILLS
COUNTRY CLUB)

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Likewise, they do not feel that the gambling operation, which he and GURERA supervised at 3014 W. Pierce St. during the summer of 1962, offers sufficient prospect of being able to develop ITWI violation against the persons involved.

They also are reluctant to call a number of witnesses necessary to fully document the BERNAT case or the number of hoodlums who might have pertinent information as to the background on COVELLI's alleged abduction. They feel that such a procedure would have attendant publicity and that such an approach does not offer any reasonable expectation of being able to return an indictment and that the Government would be put in a bad light "if they made a big splash and came up with zero." They would prefer and will so recommend a limited number of witnesses be called for the session on July 16 and thereafter a few more witnesses called in August and so forth, being ready at any time the break is discovered either through our investigative efforts or through Grand Jury proceedings to exploit such break with a full-scale Grand Jury.

To this end, the Milwaukee Office will promptly submit letterhead memoranda to the Bureau for dissemination to the Department, carbon copies to the USA, Milwaukee--such letterhead memoranda to supplement the summary report of SA HOLTZMAN and provide ready reference material to the Departmental Attorneys at such time as they desire to call any individual hoodlum before the Grand Jury.

As additional information is obtained, supplemental memoranda will be submitted.

Immediate investigation will be instituted to obtain all significant information available relative to [redacted] gambling activities, and investigative activity will be continued re hoodlum activities. The Bureau will be kept fully informed of the progress of this situation.

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June 25, 1963

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To: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49)

From: Director, FBI (162-777)- *52*

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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Reurrad 6-24-63.

The last paragraph of referenced radiogram states, in part, that seven teams of Agents are currently engaged in the investigation of the case entitled, "John Battista Trilliegi, Kickback Racket Act." The Bureau notes that while the Trilliegi case merits prompt concentrated investigative attention, that no close deadline has been set for the completion of this investigation. You should not, therefore, decrease the investigative attention which captioned and related hoodlum matters in your territory require and demand. This is especially true in view of the [redacted]

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the impending Federal Grand Jury designed to look into each of these matters which, of course, will require additional and supplemental investigation. You should, therefore, continue to press captioned and related hoodlum matters in your territory and to use sufficient personnel to achieve the necessary objectives.

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URGENT 6-24-63
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC MILWAUKEE 241600

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA IGA. OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE RAD JUNE 21 LAST.

ON JUNE 21 LAST, [REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED
 AND IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS OF FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO
 AND AUGUST MANIACI AS INDIVIDUALS INTRODUCED TO HER BY ATTORNEY
 [REDACTED] ON DATES WITH HIM AT GALLAGHERS RESTAURANT,
 MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. SHE STATED THAT SINCE LAST INTERVIEW,
 [REDACTED] HAD HER MEET ATTORNEY [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED]
 OFFICE AND SHE NOW STATES SHE HAS NEVER DATED [REDACTED] WHO
 WAS REFERRED [REDACTED] WITH NOTATION "REFERRED BY
 [REDACTED]

CIS AND PCIS, MILWAUKEE, NEGATIVE ON COVELLI ABDUCTION.
 MEMO BEING PREPARED ON POTENTIAL WITNESSES GRAND JURY FOR
 USE OF DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY.

SEVEN TEAMS OF AGENTS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING HOODLUMS
 CONNECTED WITH BALISTRIERI OUTFIT WORKING AT VA PROJECT, WOOD,
 WISCONSIN IN CONNECTION WITH CASE ENTITLED JOHN BATTISTA
 TRILIEGI, KICKBACK RACKET ACT, BUFILE 63-8468.

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URGENT 6-21-63
TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC MILWAUKEE 211615

Interstate Gambling Activities
WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO: MILWAUKEE.
REMIRED JUNE 20 INSTANT.

MILWAUKEE HOODLUM FRANCIS STELLOH REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OF ANY SORT. PCIS AND CIS NEGATIVE TO DATE AS TO CAUSE AND PERPETRATORS OF COVELLI ABDUCTION. INTERVIEWS OF SEVERAL ITALIAN BUSINESS MEN IN KENOSHA NEGATIVE.

PCI [REDACTED] NEVER HEARD OF ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF [REDACTED] KENOSHA, BY SUBJECT IN 1952, REFERRED TO IN YESTERDAY'S RADIOGRAM. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS [REDACTED] ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION, MAN NAMED [REDACTED] WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

PCI [REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJECT'S GAMBLING ASSOCIATE, JOHN C. RIZZO, WAS ALLEGEDLY ABDUCTED BY CHICAGO HOODLUMS IN 1958 AND RELEASED UNHARMED, BUT CAR WAS TAKEN AND PHONE WIRES CUT. INFORMANTS AND KENOSHA AND RACINE AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONTACTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO VERIFY.

ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ADVISED SAC BY PHONE YESTERDAY THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE GIVEN LIE TEST TODAY BY INDEPENDENT CHICAGO OPERATOR NAMED [REDACTED] ASKED FBI TO ATTEND EXAMINATION. [REDACTED] WAS INFORMED THIS OFFICE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY MANNER. THIS MORNING [REDACTED] ADVISED SAC BY PHONE TEST WOULD NOT BE GIVEN COVELLI TODAY AND HE WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING AS SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY.

PCI [REDACTED] WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION OF VALUE ON BIERNAT MURDER TO [REDACTED] NA, MILWAUKEE PD, LAST JANUARY, STATED SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION ON BIERNAT

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MATTER HAS BEEN SHUT OFF AND HE DOESN'T BELIEVE AUGUST
MANIACI HAS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. [] INFORMED THAT
JOSEPH GURERA IS EXPECTED IN MILWAUKEE THIS WEEK OR NEXT,
REASON UNKNOWN.

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June 22, 1963

This relates to our inquiry concerning the alleged abduction of Wisconsin hoodlum Covelli. This teletype further confirms information previously developed that attorney [redacted] who represents Covelli, is considering withdrawing as subject's attorney. We have previously learned that [redacted] has indicated that Covelli has changed his story so many times that [redacted] desires to terminate their relationship. Our inquiry has also developed that [redacted] is involved with a Wisconsin prostitute.

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CC MR. TOLSON

June 25, 1963

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To: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49)

From: Director, FBI (162-777) - 33

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka

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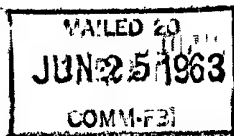
Your attention is invited to paragraph five of rerad wherein PCI [] stated, in part, that the source of his information on the Biernat matter has been shut off and he doesn't believe August Maniaci has additional information. In view of the fact that it is believed that Maniaci was primary source of information furnished by PCI [] clarify and furnish Bureau basis for his statement that the source of his information on the Biernat matter has been shut off.

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 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM SAC MILWAUKEE 251556

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO: MILWAUKEE.
 REMIRAD JUNE 24, 1963. NR

[REDACTED] DETECTIVE, MILWAUKEE PD, RECALLS INFORMANT ADVISED SEVERAL YEARS AGO THAT JOHN C. RIZZO, GAMBLING PARTNER OF SUBJECT, WAS ABDUCTED AND HE HIRED A PRIVATE DETECTIVE TO FIND HIS CAR, WHICH ABDUCTORS TOOK FROM HIM.

[REDACTED] UNABLE TO FIND REPORT CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION, BUT SEARCH FOR SAME CONTINUES.

APPOINTMENT MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] ILL. TOMORROW. HE IS FORMER KENOSHA POLICEMAN WHO ALLEGEDLY HAS INFORMATION ON AN ABDUCTION COMMITTED BY SUBJECT IN 1942.

WHEN ABOVE ABDUCTION STORIES HAVE BEEN RUN OUT, INTERVIEWS WITH PERTINENT HOODLUMS ARE CONTEMPLATED.

SUBJECTS [REDACTED] AND NUMEROUS INFORMANTS CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /162-777/

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE /162-49/

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, AR. OO- MILWAUKEE.

REMIRAD TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTY-FIVE LAST.

[REDACTED] FORMER KENOSHA POLICE OFFICER, STATED ABOUT
NINETEEN FORTY-NINE AN INFORMANT TOLD HIM A KENOSHA GAMBLER WAS
FORCED TO TURN HIS BUSINESS OVER TO SUBJECT WHEN HIS WIFE AND
DAUGHTER WERE ABDUCTED AND HELD AT GUN POINT. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO
IDENTIFY THE GAMBLER BUT THE GAMBLING OPERATION WAS PROBABLY CON-
DUCTED BY FRANK TENUTO AND CARL SCOLA. [REDACTED] UNABLE TO REACH HIS
INFORMANT.

RACINE COUNTY SHERIFF ADVISED THAT ON APRIL FIFTEEN SIXTYONE
JOHN C. RIZZO, KENOSHA GAMBLER WHO LIVES IN RACINE, WAS HELD UP AT
HIS HOME. RIZZO MADE NO COMPLAINT AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT
FORTH RIGHT WHEN INTERVIEWED BY DEPUTIES. OFFENSE WAS REPORTED
BY PRIVATE DETECTIVE WHOSE AGENCY HAD BEEN HIRED BY RIZZO THREE WEEKS
PREVIOUSLY TO MAKE NIGHTLY CHECKS OF HIS HOUSE. NO ABDUCTION INVOLVED.
MATTER APPARENTLY SOLVED IN DECEMBER SIXTY-ONE WHEN MILWAUKEE PD
ARRESTED [REDACTED] ON OTHER CHARGES. [REDACTED] NOT KNOWN TO BE

HOODLUM CONNECTED. CASE WAS NOT PROSECUTED.

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INVESTIGATION OF ABDUCTION OF WOMAN AND DAUGHTER AS WELL AS
RIZZO ROBBERY, ABOVE, BEING CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON
HOODLUMS, AS THE INCIDENTS CONSTITUTE AREAS IN WHICH HOODLUMS WANT
NOTHING REVEALED.

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

YOUR FILE NO. 182-49

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

162-777

44122

June 26, 1963

TO:

REC- 51

SAC, Milwaukee

RE:

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA
IGA

REFERENCE:

Letter 6-19-63

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

Milwaukee

SPECIMENS:

Six black rubber lifts

Elimination fingerprints of William Covelli, Eleanor
Virginia Covelli, [redacted]b6
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Two latent fingerprints of value were found on lift #4 and one latent palm print was found on lift #1. The two latent fingerprints are identical with finger impressions [redacted]. Palm prints for these four individuals are not available in our files for comparison purposes.

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The fingerprints of the four individuals were searched through our main fingerprint file, but no identification was effected.

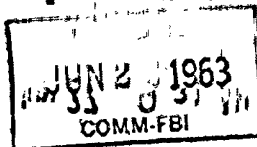
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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letter 6/19/63

Specimens: 6 Black rubber lifts.

Fingerprints submitted for elimination;

WILLIAM COVELLI $\frac{3}{18}$ W R

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3 lifts to photo 6/21

Fgpt cards to Tech for search 6/21

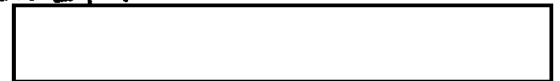
Fgpt cards returned from Tech 6/21 - No second located

2 latent fgpts on lift #4 &

Armed / latent Palm prints on lift #1

6/26/63 No PBs available

NAB/and fgpts of [redacted] to photo 6/25
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Examination completed: 2:15 PM 6/25
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

DATE: 6/19/63

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Enclosed herewith are six lifts of latent fingerprints taken from a 1952 Dodge Dart Station Wagon, VIN 4522143887, Wisconsin 1963 license E84-821 belonging to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827-36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin who claims to have been abducted at Kenosha on June 6, 1963.

Also enclosed for elimination purposes are fingerprints on cards of the following individuals:
WILLIAM COVELLI, ELEANOR VIRGINIA COVELLI, [REDACTED]

Each of the individuals named above had access to the automobile. In view of the nature of this case it is requested that after the elimination comparison is made that the fingerprints be searched through the identification records to determine if any of these individuals have a prior criminal record.

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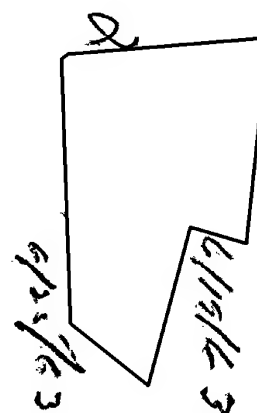
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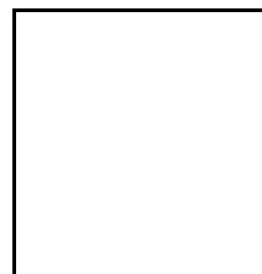
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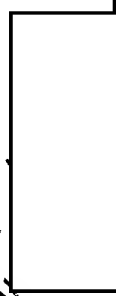
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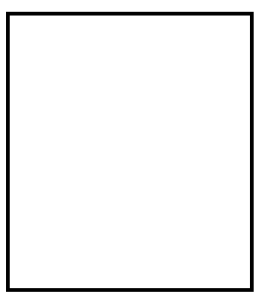


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NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING ALLEGED COVELLI ABDUCTION,
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WEEKLY AIRTEL

No pertinent information has been received relating to the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI 6/7/63. PCI's and informants contacted state opinion exists among hoodlum element that COVELLI perpetrated hoax in making complaint on abduction in order to take heat off himself. On 7/16/63

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Title and Character of Case

WILLIAM COVELLI
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Date Property Acquired

6/7/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

Made by Buagents.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Bulky cabinet

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

**Evidence--to be sent to lab--retain until
case solved.**

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. 2 plaster casts of tire tracks (from driveway at house where
Biernat body found)
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Biernat body found)

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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

No pertinent information has been received relating to the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI 6/7/63.

On 8/3/63 PCI [] advised that COVELLI had been approached by unknown persons to take over some form of gambling operation in Las Vegas, Nevada but that COVELLI was not interested. COVELLI also talked to PCI about his seriously considering an offer to go to the Bahama Islands where he said organized gambling is just getting a start. PCI did not know who had approached COVELLI on the Bahama Island offer or when it was made.

On 8/2/63 [] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, stated that he had heard that COVELLI was going to take a trip overseas but that he had no verification of this information. He also advised that he had conferred with a clerk in the Kenosha County Courthouse on 8/1/63 and she stated that COVELLI had not made any inquiry or application for a travel visa.

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TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY lmp
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCES

Report of SA 6/21/63 at Milwaukee.
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At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Will continue to attempt to develop information pertaining to the alleged abduction of Subject on 6/6/63.
2. Will continue to develop current activities and associations of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.
3. Will remain in contact with [REDACTED]
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5. Will remain in close contact with PCI [REDACTED] and will attempt to develop new sources of information concerning Kenosha gambling and Subjects involved.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will remain in contact with [REDACTED] concerning Subject's activities and associations with the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

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At Waupun, Wisconsin:

Will contact [REDACTED] concerning his knowledge of gambling in Kenosha, particularly with regard to the gambling activities of Subject.

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MI T-2 is [REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND.

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SA [REDACTED]
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Field Office File #: MI 162-49

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Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

WILLIAM COVELLI advised that he had been abducted by FBI Agents or "friends of the FBI" the night of 6/6 and 6/7/63 and was taken by them to the site at which the body of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT had been recovered following his murder in January, 1963 where an attempt was made to force COVELLI to disclose the identity of BIERNAT's murderers. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Numerous individuals observed incident on night of 6/6/63 at 36th Avenue and Roosevelt Drive, Kenosha, Wis., in which a car with siren and flasher pulled another car to side of road and a man was apparently placed under arrest. No record of such arrest by Kenosha County SO or Kenosha PD. Site of BIERNAT grave apparently swept clean of footprints. Photographs and plaster casts of tire tracks found in yard at this site identified as type of tread used by Super Mold Corporation of Lodi, California on recapped tires but size of tire or type of car on which used could not be determined by Laboratory. Neighborhood investigation was made at Greco's Restaurant, COVELLI residence, BIERNAT grave site and place where COVELLI was allegedly released. Neighbors at grave site reported car seen there late on the night of 6/6 and 7/63 by the area used by lovers. Latent fingerprints from COVELLI's car identified as those [REDACTED] who had used auto in past. Latent palm prints not yet identified. Informants state belief common among some hoodlums that COVELLI complaint was hoax to take heat off of himself.

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SYNOPSIS (Continued):

Associates and acquaintances of WILLIAM COVELLI and ANTHONY J. BIERNAT interviewed but supplied no evidence in this matter.

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I. WILLIAM COVELLI'S CLAIM THAT HE WAS
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A. Signed statement of WILLIAM COVELLI

D June 19, 1963

WILLIAM COVELLI was interviewed on June 7, 1963 at his residence, 7827-36th Avenue, in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After obtaining the details of COVELLI's complaint, he and his attorney drove to the Kenosha Resident Agency in COVELLI's car where the statement was reduced to writing.

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The following is the signed statement:

"Kenosha, Wisconsin
June 7, 1963

"I, William Covelli, make the following voluntary statement to Alexander P. Le Grand and Richard C. Thompson, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement, and I make it of my own free will. I am represented by counsel, [redacted] who is present at the making of this statement.

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"I reside at 7827-36th Ave., Kenosha, Wis. I was born Oct. 5th, 1919, in Kenosha, Wis.

"On the evening of June 6, 1963, I left Greco's Restaurant, 22 Ave. and 56 St., Kenosha, at about 10:30 PM. I drove out Roosevelt Road to the corner of 36th Ave., and made a left turn, toward my home. Just after I turned, I heard a siren and I saw a car that had a red flasher on top pull up beside me. I stopped my car, and the other car stopped beside me, on my left. A man jumped out of the car and opened my car door. I said, "What do you want?" The man said, "Federal Bureau of Investigation", and he pulled me out of the car and said, "This has gone far enough". Then he turned me so I faced the car and put handcuffs on me, behind my back. Then he pushed me into the back seat of the car with the red flasher, taking my glasses off after he did so. Then this man got into the back seat with me. He put a hood over my head. It seemed like a wool sweater, loose at the bottom where it came about to my chin. The car pulled away. Shortly thereafter I

On 6/7/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND & RICHARD C. THOMPSON/lmp Date dictated 6/13/63

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"asked whether they had taken the keys out of my car, but I got no answer. Then we drove a long time - maybe about 45 minutes. Nothing was said during this drive. It was very dark, and I could see nothing. I think we went over some paved roads and some gravel or dirt roads. I noted only about 3 on-coming cars. Then we stopped and the lights went out on the car I was in. Then someone said, "Get out." I couldn't move well with the handcuffs behing me, so the man who sat next to me helped me out of the car. Then either he or the driver took me by the belt, in the middle of my back, and guided me some yards and then down some steps. The man said, "Step down", and I went down one step. He continued similar instructions, and I kept going down steps--maybe 3 or 4 of them. Then one man said, "Put your head down", and I did, but just grazed my head a little on some over-head obstruction. Then the man guided me forward perhaps ten yards. Then we stood around for awhile. Then I was guided to a sort of guard rail and held over it. Then my hood was raises, and I saw a hole with a little water in it. The hole was about 3½ feet deep, 7 feet long and 5 feet wide. One of the men had a small flashlight which was shined on the hole. One man said, "Do you know who dug that hole, that's where Biernat was buried?" - or words to that effect. I said I didn't know. Then the man who held my belt pushed me down onto the ground. One of the men had tipped up my hood so I could look into the hole, but he put the hood down again before he pushed me down. Then there was a wait. Then one man asked me if I knew who murdered Biernat. I said I didn't know anything about it. Then one man said, "Then we'll have to play a little Russian roulette." He lifted up my hood and for a second or so and showed me that he was taking the bullets out of the cylinder of his gun. The gun was a short model, and I cannot say what calibre. The gun was dark. Then one man told me to get up. He guided me to the hole again and leaned me over the guard rail. Then one of the men again pulled up my hood and shined the light into the hole and said, "Who killed Biernat?" I said I didn't know, and he repeated the question about three times. Then one of the men pulled the trigger of a gun that was against my head just behind my right ear.

"Then the man that held my belt pushed me down on the ground again. This process was repeated about four times, and in between these episodes both men talked. They said I was lucky that I hadn't got the bullet and asked whether I knew what my chance was of getting it the next time. They asked if I were sorry for my wife and kids, as I was going to get killed. They said that the Covellis were used to getting killed, as my father was killed. They asked if I were afraid of the mob, to which I answered, "What mob?" One of the men asked who [redacted] was, and I told him it was [redacted]. Then one of the men said, "You are going to give us some names." I asked, "What names?" The man said he would take the handcuffs off and tell me what to write. He said, "You will write the names that we tell you". Then he mentioned the names of Joe Gurera and Steve De Salvo. I said I couldn't write any names down, if I couldn't prove it. The men didn't take my cuffs off, although they touched them once, as if they were going to remove the cuffs. One of the men said, "You introduced somebody to Tony Biernat." I said I didn't. He said I was lying, as Tony had told him so.

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"One of the men had walked away, but he came back and said, "Let's take him somewhere else." Then the men pulled me up. We stood there about five minutes. Then one of the men reached into my left pocket and pulled out a folder of business cards. He went through them. Later I noticed that there were two slips of paper missing from this folder. The man also pulled some currency out of my pocket, but put it back. Then one man said, "Now we are going to frame you. I've got what I want - your handwriting - and he mumbled some other things. Then he pulled some hairs from the back of my head. Then I was guided out again. Outside we waited for the other man (the one not guiding me). Then the man that held my belt pressed something against my hand. I asked what that was, but got no answer. Then I heard a car door slam, and the other man came back and said, "O.K." Then we got into the car again. Nothing was said as we drove. I could feel that I was sitting on a blanket. About mid-way during the drive one man

"said he was going to take my handcuffs off, but I shouldn't try anything funny. I said, "Do you think I'm nuts", and he took the cuffs off and told me to keep my hands in my lap. We continued the trip and I was dropped off in Kenosha on 60th Street and about 54 or 55 Ave. As I was dropped off, the man sitting with me in the back seat of the car turned me toward the car door, put my glasses in my shirt pocket and pulled my hood off just as he pushed me out the door. The car had stopped, but started up again even before the man in the back seat had closed the car door. I tried to get the license number as the car pulled away, but saw none - only a light in the middle of the rear end of the car where I thought the license should have been.

"About 10 or 15 minutes before I was put out of the car, the car stopped and the driver got out and did something at the back of the car.

"When I was put out of the car, the man in the back seat threw my keys out the door onto the pavement. He said, "Your car is down a couple blocks."

"The car looked to me like a 5 or 6 year old Plymouth of some color, not black. The flasher on top was smaller than those on Kenosha police cars. There was no lettering on the car.

"The driver of the car was slender and wore glasses. I estimate that he was about 5 feet 11 inches tall. I can't say anything else about the driver.

"The man who was in the back seat with me was about 6 feet tall and weighed about 195 lbs. I think he was about 45 years old. His complexion was ruddy. I saw him for only for seconds when he got me out of my car and when he released me.

"It was about 2 or 2:15 AM on June 7, 1963, when I was released. There are still some red marks on my wrists from the handcuffs. It is now 10:15 AM of June 7, 1963.

"On going through my folder, I observed that my drivers license is now missing, although I had it last night.

"While at the place which was said to be Biernat's grave, I said that I did not think that the F. B. I. treated people like this. One of the men said, "We aren't the F. B. I., we are friends of the F. B. I., and we do this kind of work, because they can't do it.

"I volunteer to take a lie-detector test on any of the material covered in the fore-going statement. I give my permission for the dusting of my car for fingerprints.

"I read this statement consisting of two and one half pages and it is true.

"/s/ WILLIAM COVELLI

"Witness:

RICHARD C. THOMPSON

Special Agent, F.B.I., Milwaukee Office, June 7, 1963

ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND

Special Agent, FBI, Milwaukee, Wis. 6/7/63"

In his oral interview COVELLI stated that about a month and a half ago two men had followed him from Kenosha, Wisconsin to the office of Attorney [redacted] in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and he thought that this car might be connected with his abduction. He said that Attorney [redacted] had the license number of this automobile. He said the number was license [redacted]

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He stated that the automobile with the siren and red flasher was an older Plymouth about five or six years of age. When he was let out of the car he attempted to get the license number but could not see a license plate. He said the red flasher was on the top of the automobile but it was different than the red flashers which were on the Kenosha Police Department automobiles. There was no insignia visible on the side of the car. He said that the car was not a black automobile but it was very dark outside so he was unable to determine the color.

He said the men in the car both wore hats, that one was about 6', 195-200 pounds, ruddy complexion, well built and had a large nose. The driver of the car was on the slender side. He thought the big man had on sunglasses. In the course of the evening one of the men addressed the other by two different names. Once he called him [] and the other time []

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He said the car had a blanket on the rear seat which he felt when he sat in the rear seat with his hands cuffed behind him.

COVELLI claimed his blindfold was lifted briefly when he was at the site which his abductors stated was the grave of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, and he was shown a snub-nosed blue steel revolver from which bullets were being removed. He stated that when his hands were handcuffed behind him when he was first arrested at 36th and Roosevelt Road in Kenosha, Wisconsin, he felt a revolver on the left front side of the body of the man behind him which he thought consequently might be an across draw holster.

On completion of his signed statement COVELLI and his attorney [] driving COVELLI's car led SAs THOMPSON and LE GRAND to the exact spot where he stated he recovered his automobile. This was on a parking lot of a county garage located on 60th Street near 57th Avenue. He then led agents to the exact spot where he stated he was released from the automobile of the abductors and this spot was a few feet east of the intersection of 60th Avenue and 60th Street, the car at that point having faced in a westerly direction on 60th Street. This location was several blocks from the location which COVELLI had given in his signed statement.

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COVELLI claimed he did not know the site at which ANTHONY J. BIERNAT had been buried and stated he had never been at the place. He claimed that when he was led from the automobile of his abductors while blindfolded he walked some distance and then was told to step down several steps and to lower his head and then he felt the top of his head brush against the casement of the door.

COVELLI and his attorney followed SAs THOMPSON and LE GRAND to the site at which ANTHONY J. BIERNAT's body was found and in taking three steps down into the basement of the farm house COVELLI pointed out that the top of his head just brushed the top of the casement of the doorway.

Examination of the floor of the basement was made with a flashlight to insure that no footprints which may have been left behind would be damaged before further examination was made of the premises and none were found. COVELLI then entered the basement and identified the spot at which BERNAT had been buried as being identical with the spot shown him by his abductors.

When interviewed in Kenosha, Wisconsin COVELLI had stated that he thought that the flashlight used by his abductors might have been a penlight because the beam was concentrated in a narrow area or the light may have been partially obstructed by his body since the light was never held in front of him and at no time did he see the flashlight itself. At the site of the BERNAT grave, COVELLI stated that the beam cast by a regular flashlight was similar he thought with the light cast by the flashlight held by his abductors and that he no longer believed it was a penlight.

During the interview of COVELLI at his home on the morning of June 7, 1963 his attorney [redacted] said that he didn't believe in lie detector tests, based on information furnished him by his mother who had been a psychologist for 45 years. He said he would not consent to COVELLI's taking a lie detector test under any circumstances. He said that he did not believe that they were accurate.

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At the time a signed statement was taken from COVELLI at the Kenosha Resident Agency later in the morning of June 7, 1963 attorney [redacted] said in the presence of COVELLI and during the taking of the statement that his client (COVELLI) wanted to take a lie detector test. [redacted] said that this was really contrary to his own advice to his client. After this discussion COVELLI requested that his signed statement contain his desire to be given a lie detector test.

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After the COVELLI statement was signed and witnessed attorney [redacted] stated that he would embody further conditions upon any lie detector test given to COVELLI, namely, that he wanted to be present and that he wanted to screen any questions used in the test. [redacted] said that he wanted time to consider the matter further before any written consent was given by COVELLI for a lie detector test.

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When COVELLI was interviewed at his home on the early morning of June 7, 1963, attorney [] stated at the outset that he was instructing COVELLI not to answer any questions except those pertaining to the alleged abduction. At the conclusion of the interview at COVELLI's home [] said that he was instructing his client to answer no other questions on any subject without his consent.

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During the interview at his home, COVELLI said that, if desired, he would make available the shoes and trousers worn by him the previous night as they contain dust and dirt which might be useful in identification of the place to which he had been taken. He said that while at the site of the BIERNAT grave he sat on the ground or floor during a considerable portion of the time and the shoes and pants presumably contained dirt from that source.

In the course of the interview of COVELLI at the Kenosha Resident Agency, he said that he operated the Kenosha Vending Company and has a route of cigarette and coffee machines as well as three jukeboxes. He said his business address was the same as his home address and that he had a warehouse at 2207-56th Street, Kenosha.

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B. Oral statements of WILLIAM COVELLI

Date June 14, 1963

WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827-36th Avenue, was interviewed at his residence concerning discrepancies existing between his signed statement of June 7, 1963 and a statement attributed to him [redacted] the Kenosha Police Department with respect to the location of a flasher light on the top of the automobile. COVELLI stated that [redacted] statement that he said a flasher light was a portable type which was located either in the middle of the dashboard of the automobile or was held out of the side window of the automobile by one of the occupants of the car was not correct, but that his signed statement to the effect that it was on the top of the car was correct.

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He stated that he forgot to include in his signed statement information which he had supplied with respect to the names by which one of the abductors was called by the other. On one occasion the abductor was called by the name [redacted] and on the other occasion by the name [redacted]

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He stated he had also forgotten an incident which had occurred to him on Wednesday night, June 5, 1963, the day before his abduction. He said he was returning home from Greco's Restaurant and noticed a car maneuvering behind him at 60th and 22nd Avenues, Kenosha, Wisconsin. This car was also noted behind him on Roosevelt Road. He said the car had a narrow grill in the front but could not otherwise identify it. Upon arriving home between 9:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on June 5 he picked up his wife and went for a ride to the Shaffron's Subdivision. He and his wife noticed an automobile following them, and they made a U-turn in the road and observed a blue Plymouth automobile with two men in it go by with Illinois license plates on the car. This car proceeded on about five blocks before turning off the road and COVELLI discounted any concern over the car because of the fact that it did have Illinois license plates.

COVELLI stated that on the night of his abduction June 6, 1963 while proceeding homeward on Roosevelt Road he observed his wife going in the opposite direction and believed that she saw him, would go around the block and fall in behind him, which was the reason for the statement attributed to him [redacted] in the newspapers that he wasn't concerned when he was pulled over to the side of the road by a car because his wife

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would observe what had happened. He stated that actually his wife did not follow him home but had proceeded to the north side of Kenosha to pick up some clothing from a brother-in-law.

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WILLIAM COVELLI advised that he had no further information regarding his alleged abduction. Asked whether he would give a yes or no answer as to whether he would take a polygraph examination on the facts of the abduction, he said that he would not without the consent of his attorney. COVELLI also declined to answer any questions relative to the BERNAT murder, although it was pointed out to him that his abduction was apparently related thereto.

COVELLI was noticeably nervous during the interview. He said, however, that he was not particularly apprehensive during the daytime but that the nights were bad.

COVELLI stated that one of the reasons why he did not wish to discuss the BERNAT case was the fact that shortly after the body of BERNAT was found he was interviewed by a member of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office and thereafter his name was mentioned in the newspapers in connection with it. He was told that was a good reason for dealing face to face with the persons he talked with, that if he had nothing to hide, there was no reason why he could not discuss the matter with the Agents who would keep the matter confidential. On the other hand, his refusal to discuss the matter left an implication that he had something to hide. COVELLI stated that he did not want to discuss any matter without the presence of his attorney.

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C. Oral Statement of Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI

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Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827-36th Avenue, advised that about 9:30 p.m. June 5, 1963 her husband arrived home and told her he thought that he was followed by another car, that they went out for a drive to the Shaffron's Subdivision of Kenosha, Wisconsin, noticed a car that appeared to be surveilling them, made a U-turn on Sheridan Road, and observed a Plymouth automobile with big fins, blue in color, with two men in it with Illinois license plates on the car. He was unable to obtain the number of the license plate. This car turned off of Sheridan Road about five blocks away and they saw it no further that evening.

She stated on the night of her husband's abduction, June 6, 1963, she passed her husband going in the opposite direction on Sheridan Road at about 10:30 p.m., that she did not follow him home, but continued to the north side of Kenosha where she obtained some clothing from her brother-in-law.

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II. CRIME SCENE SEARCHES

A. Examination of WILLIAM COVELLI's Automobile

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On June 7, 1963, a 1962 Dodge Dart station wagon, four door, off-white in color, bearing VIN 4522143887, and 1963 Wisconsin license plates E84821, which vehicle is titled under Wisconsin title #TE28E1558 to the Kenosha Vending Co., Kenosha, Wisconsin, was processed for latent fingerprints. where it was parked in the resident's garage, located to the rear of 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, owned by WILLIAM COVELLI and ELEANOR VIRGINIA COVELLI, that address. This vehicle was in extremely dirty and dusty condition and while the entire exterior portions of the body of the vehicle consisting of the roof and doors, both front, right and left, together with windows and the interior portions consisting of the area around the driver's side as well as the passenger side of the car, including the rear view mirror and dashboard were examined; only the following questionable and partial latent fingerprints were located:

Exhibit 1, right top corner of rear view mirror

Exhibit 2, tip of left front vent door window-outside and at top

Exhibit 3, outside window, right front door, on large roll-up window near top

Exhibit 4, on outside right front door, roll-up window near top edge

Exhibit 5, inside roll-up window on left front door near top

Exhibit 6, inside left front door roll-up window, center and at left

The foregoing were the only latent or partial latent fingerprints of questionable value located during this examination. Photographs where use of the fingerprint camera permitted were taken prior to preparation of lifts. It was noted both the interior and exterior of this vehicle was in an extremely dusty and soiled condition, which condition had apparent effect in that few latents of suitable value were located.

On June 7, 1963, the following items were noted as being contained in the instant vehicle as follows:

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1. A Standard Oil Map of Wisconsin, located on the upper right sun visor.
2. A Howard Johnson sales slip in the name of COVELLI dated March 3rd and 4th for two guests at the Motor Lodge South, located at 6929 South Lindberg Road, St. Louis 25, Missouri; and a scorecard for the Maple Crest Country Club containing the names of BILL [redacted] reflecting pencilled scores for the back nine holes of that golf course.
3. A Howard Johnson Motor Lodge South receipt showing address of 6929 South Lindberg Road, St. Louis 25, Missouri in the name of RIZZO for room 127, two guests, dated March 3rd and 4th.
4. Oklahoma Turnpike receipt, ticket #66110, reflecting entrance on that turnpike at Gate 1 and exiting at Gate 5; two paper containers, one being for fifty cent pieces in the amount of \$10 and the other being for ten cent pieces in the amount of \$5; and, a church bulletin publication at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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The foregoing items were all located on the front seat of this vehicle and as such could have been handled by any individual that entered in on the front seat.

There was, in addition, located in the glove compartment of the automobile, the following additional paper items, which also could have been handled in the event any one had opened that glove compartment to determine its contents:

5. Postcard photograph of a pool table, on the back of which appears written in ballpoint, a number of arabic figures; and, a Moland Brothers Trucking Co. memorandum sheet on which there appears in writing in ballpoint beginning "1295-DS"
6. 12 copies of a Seberg Music location-contract.
7. 1 copy of a sales and service order, dated March 19, 1963 by Texaco for total of \$7.40 on a Dodge station wagon.
8. Stainless steel chrome handle, on which appears a number of latent fingerprints of questionable value.

On June 8, 1963, in the presence and accompanied by WILLIAM COVELLI, a complete physical examination was conducted of the entire vehicle from the interior of the station wagon throughout, including under the seats, dashboard and hood, in an effort to locate any additional evidence as might be found and identified or unidentified by owner COVELLI and said physical search was conducted with negative results for any additional pertinent information.

On June 7, 1963 SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. processed WILLIAM COVELLI's 1962 off white Dodge Dart Station Wagon, Fordor, and obtained several latent fingerprints of questionable value. The fingerprints of WILLIAM COVELLI, his wife, and one other individual who had access to the car had been obtained and fingerprints of another individual who had access to the car were obtained also.

On June 7, 1963 SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. advised [redacted] the Kenosha Police Department of the nature of the investigation. [redacted] said that his department had received information of a possible abduction but no complaint, and he had caused a check to be made with certain Illinois authorities such as the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the North Chicago Police Department, etc., for information about the car with a siren and red light. [redacted] said that the Sheriff of Lake County, CHARLIE LARSON, had informed him that no police or sheriff's cars were known to have been stolen but that [redacted] should not disregard the possibility that private investigators may have been involved.

On June 8, 1963 SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and CHARLES A. AUSTIN contacted [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, who said that he had received no complaint in this matter and intended to conduct no investigation.

On June 8, 1963 [redacted] Kenosha Police Department, was contacted by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and CHARLES A. AUSTIN with negative results.

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B. Results of Latent Fingerprint Examination

By communication dated June 26, 1963, the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division advised that lifts of latent fingerprints submitted in this case were compared with elimination fingerprints of WILLIAM COVELLI, ELEANOR VIRGINIA COVELLI, [REDACTED]

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These individuals had access to the automobile from which WILLIAM COVELLI stated he had been abducted. The latent fingerprint section reported that two of the latent fingerprints were identical with the finger impressions [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The only other latent of value was a palm print found on lift number 1. No palm prints were available for elimination examination.

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C. Examination of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT Grave Site

ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON examined the cellar of the farmhouse located in Kenosha County and at which the body of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT was found buried. It was observed that the floor contained considerable dirt and dust which had apparently been swept clear of footprints and other marks. There were, however, several faint and irregular corrugated areas. A plaster cast was made of one of these areas.

There were old pieces of paper, cigarette packs, and cigarette butts crusted with dirt which appeared to be there for some time. There was a cigarette butt of a Marlboro cigarette which appeared to be of more recent origin, and this was retained as an exhibit.

The BIERNAT grave was filled with water within about an inch or two of the top. In the water were several boards and sticks and probing disclosed that there were also rocks about. However, it is impossible to see the depth of the grave because of the murky condition of the water.

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The entire basement, the area around the house, and the yard of the farm house where the body of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT had been found, was examined with negative results for footprints.

Tire treads were found in the yard of the farm house which were first photographed by SA AHERN with SAs THOMPSON and LE GRAND as witnesses after which plaster casts were made of the tread at the point photographed.

Photographs taken of tire treads and the area were made with Plus X film at 1/100 of a second with each position being photographed twice with openings first of F-22 and secondly F-32.

Each exposure had in it a piece of paper with the number of the position at which the photograph was taken. Positions Number 1 and 2 were photographs of tire treads located in the driveway of the farm yard and Positions 3 and 4 were photographs of tire treads taken in the yardway of the farm house.

Three photographs were also taken from the same position in the yard at different angles to show first the house, secondly the driveway, and thirdly the yard of the farm house.

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D. Results of FBI Laboratory Examination

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By communication dated July 8, 1963 the FBI Laboratory advised that photographs of tire tracks and plaster casts taken of tire impressions which had been submitted to the Laboratory in this case had been examined with the following results:

Neither the size of the tire involved or the type of the car involved could be determined from the cast impressions. The design noted on the casts of the tire impressions resembled a design used by the Super Mold Corporation, Lodi, California. This corporation recaps tires. The Laboratory advised that the molds used by the Super Mold Corporation are molds which have previously been used by other tire manufacturers and for one reason or another were sold to the Super Mold Corporation.

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III. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS

A. Witnesses of Alleged Abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI
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[redacted] advised that sometime about 10:30 p.m. on June 6, 1963 he and his wife heard a siren on an automobile and thereafter looked out of the window and saw two cars parked almost across the street from their house. They observed no flasher in operation at the time they looked out. They saw two men taking a third man out of a parked car and put him into theirs which he believed to be a 1959 dark colored Lincoln automobile. They overheard one of the men tell the man they took out of the parked car to, "Get in and shut up."

A few minutes later another automobile dropped off a man who turned off the lights of the car from which the individual had been taken and then drove off with the lights extinguished.

Because of the darkness he was unable to get a description of any of the individuals involved or the cars but believed that one of the men in the Lincoln was a big fellow about 6' tall.

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advised that at about 10:30 p.m. she observed two men placing a third man into a dark colored automobile which was parked almost across the street from her house. Just prior thereto she had heard a siren which caused her to look out of the house. She saw no red lights flashing.

A few minutes later another car which she cannot describe dropped off a man who drove off with the automobile which had been parked with lights on at the curb but as he drove off he turned off the lights of this automobile. She stated she was not able to give any description of the automobiles or the men involved except that one of the men appeared to be a big man.

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[redacted] advised that sometime between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on June 6, 1963 he heard a siren, looked out, and saw a Plymouth automobile not too dark in color with big fins with a flashing light which he believes not to be red but amber in color parked near another automobile. He heard the man in the other automobile say, "Now what's wrong?" He could not hear the response of the other man who put the first into the Plymouth and drove off. He believes the car must have gone around the block because shortly thereafter a car came by and dropped off a man who drove off in the car that had been left parked on the street with lights on. This man drove off with the car after turning off the lights.

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[redacted] advised that sometime after 11:00 p.m. on June 6, 1963 she heard a siren and looked out of the house and saw a big car with big fins not too dark in color perhaps blue with a red flashing light on its side parked with another car. The men from this car took a man from the first car and drove off with him. This car must have gone around the block because shortly thereafter it returned, dropped off a man who then drove off with the parked automobile after turning off its lights.

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She disagreed with [redacted] that the flasher on the side of the automobile might be amber and she also disagreed with the time of the incident which she believed to be after 11 p.m. on June 6, 1963.

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[redacted] advised that on June 6, 1963 between 11 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. he heard a siren, looked out of the house and saw what he believed to be a white Cadillac with big fins in the back with a red light flashing on its left fender alongside another automobile. They took a man out of the other automobile and put him into the Cadillac and left leaving the lights on of the car from which they took the man. Shortly thereafter two men came in another automobile which he believed was a 1947 blue Plymouth or Dodge which had a slanting back. One man got out of this car, turned off the lights of the car parked at the curb, and drove off with it with lights out.

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[redacted] advised that sometime about 11 p.m. on June 6, 1963 she heard a siren outside, looked out, and saw what might have been a white Cadillac automobile with a flashing red light on its left fender alongside another automobile. She thought there might have been two fellows in each automobile but she could not see anything distinctly because of the darkness. A man was taken out of the parked car, frisked, and put into the Cadillac which drove off. Shortly thereafter a second automobile which may have been a 1947 Dodge automobile arrived with two men, one of whom turned off the lights of the parked car and drove it off with the lights out.

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[redacted] advised that sometime in the evening of June 6, 1963 he heard a siren and looked out of the house and saw two men take a third man from a car, put him in another automobile and drive off. Shortly thereafter the car dropped off another man who drove off with the automobile left parked at the curb with lights on.

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[redacted] stated he could hear nothing said by any of the individuals or supply any descriptions of the people involved and said he is hard of hearing but that his [redacted] had observed the incident.

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[redacted]
advised that shortly before 11 p.m. on June 6, 1963 she heard a siren and saw a car with red light flashing pull another car over to the side of the curb. She believed that the flashing light was on the top of the automobile. She did not know the make of the automobile but said it was a dark car. The car which had been pulled to the curb was cream colored. She could not observe what happened. Shortly thereafter another car came by slowly and immediately thereafter the cream colored car which had been parked with its lights on was driven away after the lights had been turned off.

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[redacted] advised that shortly before 11 p.m. on June 6, 1963 he and his wife heard a siren, looked out of the window and saw a car with red light flashing pull another automobile over to the side of the road. He heard somebody exclaim, "What do you think you're doing?" He thought that the flashing red light was on the side of the automobile which pulled the other car to the curb but his wife, who was present, thought it was on the top of the car.

He does not know the make of the automobile. He said it was a dark car. The car that was pulled to the curb he believed was cream colored. The men in the car he thought might have been a police car drove off with a man taken from the cream colored car. Because of the darkness he could not see exactly what happened. Later another car came by slowly and immediately thereafter he saw the cream colored car, which had been parked at the curb with lights on, leave after the driver turned off the lights. This car disappeared around the corner.

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[redacted] advised that sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. on June 6, 1963 he and his wife heard a siren, looked out of the window, and saw one car parked alongside of another car a short distance down the block and across the street from their house. He observed no red light flashing on either car. Two men took a man from the car pulled to the curb by them in their car and drove off leaving the other car parked with lights on. He believed the car have gone around the block because a short time thereafter the car did come by dropping off a man who turned off the lights on the parked car and then drove off with it with lights out.

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He stated that because of the darkness he was unable to determine anything about the description of the men involved and nothing about the shape or model of the automobiles involved though he thought the car driven by the two men was a newer model automobile.

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[redacted], advised that between 10:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. on June 6, 1963 she and her husband heard a siren and looked out of the window and observed a car pulled to the side of the curb at a parking meter across the street and a short distance down the block from their house. They did not see any flashing red light at the time they looked out of the window. Two men took a third man out of a car and put him in their car and then left leaving the other car parked with lights on.

They stated it was so dark they were unable to determine anything about the shape or make of the car driven by the two men although they believe it was a new model. Neither were they able to obtain the description of any of the men involved.

They believe that the car must have gone around the block because very shortly thereafter a car came back, a man got out of it, turned off the lights of the car that had been pulled to the curb and then drove off with the car with lights extinguished, turning right at the next corner.

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advised that at approximately 11 p.m. on June 6, 1963 she heard what she believed to be a police siren outside but did not investigate it and therefore saw nothing of what happened outside.

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[redacted] advised that between 10:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. on June 6, 1963 she heard a siren, looked out of her window, and saw two men get out of a medium blue Cadillac automobile which seemed to be a huge car with big fins. This car was parked immediately beneath her window which is in the second story of the apartment building. The car, which apparently had been pulled to the curb, was a white Dodge station wagon. She heard the man from the Dodge station wagon say, "What did I do now." She said the other men mumbled something but she could not hear what was said. The man from the station wagon was handcuffed and put into the Cadillac which departed leaving the station wagon parked at the curb with its motor running and lights on.

As the Cadillac left the scene she noticed the car had yellow and green license plates which she identified as Illinois license plates with which she is very familiar since she drives to Chicago frequently to attend school.

She stated the Cadillac had a red light either on the fender or in the spotlight. She did not know where the siren was located.

She stated that the men from the Cadillac were tall men, had suits on but could not be otherwise identified. The man from the station wagon had on a white shirt and dark gray trousers and was bareheaded she believed.

She stated she thought the incident very suspicious and went to the telephone to call the police when she heard the station wagon being driven off. She looked out of the window and observed the station wagon going down the street with its lights out. She saw no other automobile.

She said she then believed she was being overly suspicious and did not call the police.

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[redacted] advised that on June 6, 1963 she was so soundly asleep in her apartment that she did not hear anything concerning the arrest of a man almost beneath her apartment window which had been related to her by her neighbor, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised she was not at home on the night of June 6, 1963 and did not witness anything in connection with an incident outside of her apartment of which she has heard from neighbors.

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[redacted] stated he did not believe he was at home on the night of June 6, 1963 when an arrest occurred outside of his apartment house on the east side. He stated he has heard of the incident from other neighbors.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Hartnell's Grocery Store at this address, stated that she heard a siren at approximately 10:30 p.m. June 6, 1963, she recalls as Thursday. She and her husband had already retired to bed, thought someone was probably stopped for a traffic violation, and did not look out of the window to observe it.

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[redacted] advised that she was employed
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June 6, 1963 between the hours of 4 - 12:30 p.m. but heard of
no incident involving the use of sirens or red lights at the
intersection in front [redacted]

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Date June 25, 1963

[redacted] advised that during the evening of June 6, 1963 she was watching TV when suddenly she heard a siren out on the street. She went to the porch door to observe what was occurring. She stated she estimated that this must have occurred sometime between 10:00 p.m. that evening and 10:30 or 10:35 p.m. When she went to the porch door she stated that she was able to see very little as the street is extremely dark due to the fact that the trees bordering the road hang in a low position over the street. She advised that she did observe that approximately two doors to the north she was able to see two automobiles parked along the curb facing south, one car along side the other. [redacted] stated that she was unable to see any individuals or figures or the number of people in or around the automobiles. [redacted] stated that she estimated the cars stayed there for several minutes during which time she saw a red flashing light on the car nearest the center of the road. She stated that, while she was not sure where the flashing light was located, she thought it was on the driver's side located in a position which would approximate the automobile post nearest the driver. [redacted] stated, however, she was not sure of this fact or the location of the flashing red light.

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She advised that she did hear the voices of two men and one voice say something to the effect, "What are you chasing me for?" The second voice said "Get in there and don't ask so many questions."

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[redacted] stated that she was unable to hear anything else said or any other voices or any names that might have been mentioned.

[redacted] further stated she did not believe in view of the brief time involved and the few words that were spoken that she would be able to recognize the voices of the individuals at any future date.

[redacted] stated that after the two automobiles were there for a couple of minutes, the car which at this time previously had the flashing red light and which was located in the center of the road, pulled away and went south on 36th Avenue and turned west on 74th Street. [redacted] related that as the automobile went by, she was unable to see the number of occupants or where the occupants might be seated in the vehicle.

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[redacted] further explained that she did not get a

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description of the car nor is she able to recall its color in view of the poor light on the street, but she does believe that it was probably dark in color. She feels reasonably sure that it was not a light colored car and she described it as one being of medium size.

Several minutes after the car pulled away from the center of the road proceeding south on 36 Avenue, a car pulled alongside the parked car again and, in view of the short time involved, [redacted] stated that it might have been the first car that moved south, perhaps having gone around the block and returned.

[redacted] again pointed out that she was unable to see anyone in view of the poor light but heard two car doors slam. The car away from the curb or the one located in the center of the road departed first, followed quickly by the car which had been parked along the curb. The second car moved south with its lights out.

[redacted] again repeated that she was unable to describe the cars, the color or furnish anything concerning the license plates of the automobiles or the number of occupants either car contained.

[redacted] stated that she did not see or hear anything of an unusual nature on any of the previous nights which might possibly relate to this matter.

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B. Witnesses at BIERNAT Grave Site

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Date June 19, 1963

[redacted] advised that he returned home from work at 1 a.m. on June 7, 1963 and passed the driveway of the farm house at which the ANTHONY J. BERNAT body had been found which is located approximately [redacted]

[redacted] He observed a black 1959 Ford backed up in this driveway facing outward. He observed no movement and no individuals and stated that this area is frequented by hunters and by lovers.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 19, 1963

[redacted] advised that on the evening of June 6, 1963 at 10 p.m. he left for work at American Motors, Racine, Wisconsin, from which he returned at 7:30 a.m. on June 7, 1963. He observed nothing unusual and no cars and no individuals at the farm where ANTHONY J. BIERNAT's body was found on either of these occasions when he passed it.

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He stated [redacted] returned home about 1:30 a.m. on June 6, 1963 from his employment as a stock man at the final assembly at American Motors but that [redacted] was in Hayward, Wisconsin and would not return until the following Monday.

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Date June 12, 1963

[redacted] occupant of [redacted]
[redacted] the abandoned farmhouse
where ANTHONY BIERNAT was found, stated he was coming home
at 1:00 or 1:05 a.m. Wednesday or Thursday when he noticed
two cars heading out of the area on the dirt road to Route 75.

He said he was certain as to the time because he works at
American Motors in Kenosha and gets out of work at 12:30 a.m.
and that it takes him exactly one half hour to get home from
Kenosha. He said that in this particular instance he was about
a quarter of a mile from the turn where the abandoned farmhouse
is and he noticed a car coming by its headlights over a rise in
the dirt road. He said that he noticed that as he went by he
was fairly certain it had only one occupant, the driver, that
he estimated it to be a 1957 Ford two door light in color and
proceeding at a normal pace although because of the dirt road
it was kicking up a lot of dust.

About an eighth of a mile behind was another car and from
its speed he gained the impression it was attempting to catch
up with the first.

This car he described as a light colored Cadillac four door
and in this instance also thought it was only occupied by a
driver. The second car he felt was a Cadillac because it
appeared to be a very big car, bigger than the first and had
noticeable fins in the rear that a Cadillac of several years
ago had. He said the size made him think of a Cadillac though
it could possibly have been a Plymouth. He said, however, he
owns a 1956 Plymouth and his brother has a 1957 Plymouth with
large fins and this car would not seem to be of that make.

He said that in neither instance did he see the number plate.
He repeated that he cannot be certain of which of the two
nights this incident occurred. He said he had not noticed
any unusual activity of late in the immediate area of the
abandoned farmhouse.

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by SAs CHARLES A. AUSTIN [redacted] / [redacted] 6/11/63

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Date June 19, 1963

[redacted] advised that sometime after 10 p.m. but before midnight on June 6, 1963 he and his wife heard three shots which sounded like shotgun blasts coming from the vicinity of the farm where the body of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT had been found. This farm is located [redacted] the farm house of [redacted]

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He stated that shots are not uncommon in the area and that they have made complaints to authorities because hunters and youngsters frequent that area and shoot high powered rifles with some neglect so that on one occasion a bullet hit a tree near their house.

[redacted] stated that sometime after 10 p.m. on June 6, 1963 an old automobile which he could not otherwise describe except that it had a loud muffler made four trips back and forth past their farm house. He has no idea whom the car belonged to or who was in it or how many people were in it.

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He stated that fellows and girls are at the farmyard where BIERNAT's body was found almost every night.

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[redacted] advised that sometime between 10 p.m. and midnight while they were watching television she and her family heard three shots which sounded like shotgun blasts coming from the vicinity of the farm where BIERNAT's body had been found. Gunfire is not uncommon in the area which is frequented by hunters. She has no information about anyone being at the farm that night.

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She had a discussion with her husband as to whether the shotgun blasts were on the night of June 6 or June 5 but both of them then decided they were sure it was the preceding night of June 6, 1963.

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[redacted] advised that he had no information about anyone being at the farm where the body of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT had been buried the previous night. He stated that he and his family had heard three shots that sounded like shotgun blasts sometime after 10 p.m. on the evening of June 6, 1963 but no investigation was made. He advised that fellows and girls do park frequently in the farmyard where BIERNAT's body had been found.

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C. Neighborhood Investigation at Location
of COVELLI's Release by Abductors

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The following persons were interviewed with negative results on June 7, 1963 by SA CHARLES F. AHERN. All stated that they were asleep between 12:01 AM and 3:00 AM on June 7, 1963 and were not awakened or otherwise disturbed by any unusual occurrences in the area:



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It will be recalled that COVELLI recovered his car on the parking lot of the County Garage located at 60th St. and 57th Ave. immediately after his release. The following persons in that area were interviewed with negative results on June 7, 1963 by SA CHARLES F. AHERN. All stated that they were at their homes between 12:01 AM and 3 AM on June 7, 1963 and were not aware of any unusual activity in the neighborhood:



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On June 7, 1963 [redacted] advised SA AHERN that she was watching TV in a room overlooking the street until approximately two AM, but neither saw nor heard anything to attract her attention.

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D. Neighborhood Investigation at COVELLI Residence

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs HOWARD R. VAUGHAN
[redacted] on June 14, 1963:

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Neighborhood at William Covelli's
Residence, 7827 36th Avenue,
Kenosha, Wisconsin

The individuals contacted were unable to furnish any information of a pertinent nature regarding any activity or occurrence on June 6, 1963, the date on which WILLIAM COVELLI was alleged to have been abducted. Nothing unusual was observed on June 5, 1963 by these individuals. A number of neighbors stated that the WILLIAM COVELLI's kept much to themselves, did not mix socially in the neighborhood and remained aloof. No one had any idea as to the identities of individuals who would want to abduct WILLIAM COVELLI. Other affirmative information furnished is as follows:

[redacted] advised that
sometime in May, 1963, perhaps five or six weeks ago, she saw on one occasion two automobiles parked in the general area in front of her house. The men had field glasses, and she described one of the automobiles as a light colored car, either cream or tan, and the other automobile as either black, partially black or a dark color. She thought that she had seen 3 or 4 men, and she believed that they were with some law enforcement agency. She stated she could not recall anything else of an unusual nature which appeared significant in connection with instant investigation.

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[redacted] advised that sometime
back in May, 1963, 4 to 6 weeks ago, that she had seen a dark automobile, possibly black, which might have had white or gold trim. She stated that the automobile was parked some distance down the block, and she observed two men sitting in the front seat of the automobile. She stated that she recalled that she had observed this automobile on only one occasion during the day, the day unrecalled and time unrecalled. She was unable to identify the make of automobile. [redacted] stated that she has very poor eyesight and is in need of glasses and, although she has glasses, does not usually wear them.

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[redacted] stated that approximately

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two weeks ago, perhaps either Tuesday or Wednesday, which would be May 28 or 29, sometime in the morning, she observed a dark or a black automobile, which might have been an older car estimated as a 1946 to 1948 model. She stated that the automobile might have been a Chevrolet to the best of her recollection and that she had observed two men in the front seat of the automobile. She stated that a little later on in the morning, not recalling the specific hour, that the first automobile was joined by another car which she thought was a green automobile and to be an older model, make of which she could not determine. [redacted] stated that she is not familiar with the makes and models of the various automobiles. As she recalled, a heavy-set man in work clothes got out of the older green automobile and talked to the man in the dark or black car.

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[redacted] advised that he had observed a light tan Ford, a 1956 to 1958 model, sometime during the week of June 3, 1963, and a little later on in the interview he thought the date perhaps might have been approximately May 29, 1963. He said that the automobile contained two men, that they were parked at the south end of 36th Avenue in the lane leading to the Tirabassi Construction Co. [redacted] advised that he was unable to observe the license number and that he believed that he would have been unable to obtain said license number due to the distance and he thought the automobile was there either in the afternoon or early evening on this particular occasion.

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[redacted] stated that she observed an automobile at the end of the street in the lane leading to the Tirabassi Construction Co., and she thought that it was perhaps approximately May 29, 1963. [redacted] advised that she was not sure of the color of the automobile but thought perhaps it might have been a darker car. She stated she did not take a good look at it as she did not want to be obvious and she is unable to identify automobiles by make or model. She further stated that she was unable to recall any license number or the number of people sitting in the car.

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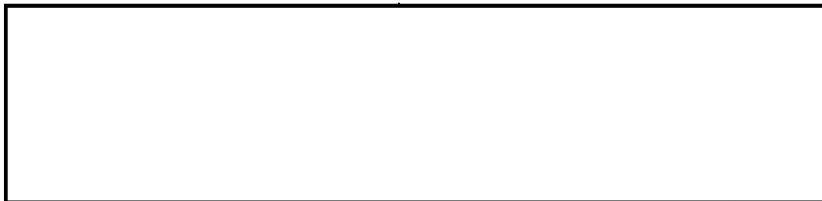
The following were unable to furnish any information at the time of interview:

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E. Neighborhood Investigation at Greco's Restaurant

Date June 12, 1963

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[redacted] was interviewed by agents at Greco's Restaurant, 56th and 22nd Avenue, Kenosha. He said that early in the evening of June 6, 1963 he had borrowed the station wagon of WILLIAM COVELLI and, along with a friend [redacted] had gone for a ride around town. He said that they went no place in particular and he figures his use of the car was from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. He said he came back to Greco's Restaurant at 10:30 p.m. where COVELLI was waiting for him and that COVELLI left for home about ten minutes later. He said that he did not notice any out of state cars parked in the immediate vicinity when he returned nor did he notice anyone loitering suspiciously outside. He said he hadn't noticed any suspicious looking strangers in the vicinity within the recent past.

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[redacted] said that he is [redacted] at Kenosha Vending Company, 2209-56th Avenue. He said that he first heard of the incident relating to COVELLI at 11 a.m. June 7, 1963 when [redacted] LOUIE GRECO [redacted] told him. He said he had no idea who would do such a thing.

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He said that there were probably ten to twelve people in the restaurant counting customers and help when he returned. He said that in addition to those presently in the restaurant he would secure the names of all employees from [redacted] LOUIE who runs the restaurant and also the home addresses of these people and would have it available on Monday, June 10, 1963 for agents. He said that the restaurant is closed on Monday but that he would have the list at Kenosha Vending Company immediately next door and if he were to go out on business he would leave it at Gerolmo's Liquor Store at the corner.

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Date June 14, 1963

[redacted] advised that she has been
[redacted] at Greco's Restaurant, Kenosha, since
about the middle of January, 1963. She advised that she was
working on the night of June 6, 1963. She stated that she
recalls COVELLI being in the restaurant that night, but that
she does not recall seeing any strange individuals nor
strange cars in the vicinity of Greco's on that night or any
other evening. She advised that she had not heard of the
abduction of COVELLI prior to the interview.

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Date June 14, 1963

[redacted] advised that she is
[redacted] at Greco's Restaurant. She stated that she
only works there on an occasion or so each week and was not
working on Thursday, June 6, 1963. She advised that she does
know WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI and did not know he had been
abducted. She stated that she does not recall seeing any strange
individuals or strange cars in the vicinity of the restaurant
nor does she have any knowledge as to why anyone would want to
abduct COVELLI.

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Date June 14, 1963

[redacted] advised that she is [redacted] at Greco's and has been so employed for about three years. She stated that she is well acquainted with WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI inasmuch as he frequents the restaurant daily. She advised that she was working at the restaurant on the night of June 6, 1963 but that she does not recall seeing any strange individuals or strange cars in the area on that night or any other night. She advised that since she is the cook, she does not come in contact with the customers. She advised that she has absolutely no knowledge as to why anyone would want to abduct COVELLI.

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Date June 14, 1963

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, was interviewed at [redacted] Greco's Restaurant. She stated that she has been [redacted] at Greco's Restaurant [redacted]

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she was not on duty on the night of June 6, 1963 and did not know until the time of the interview of the abduction of WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI. She advised that she is well acquainted with COVELLI inasmuch as he is related to LOUIS GRECO, owner of Greco's Restaurant and is a daily visitor of this restaurant. She advised that she has not seen any strange individuals in or around Greco's nor has she seen any strange cars with Illinois license around Greco's. She advised that she had absolutely no information as to why anyone would want to abduct COVELLI.

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Date June 20, 1963

[redacted] advised that she is a [redacted] Louie Greco's restaurant located at 2209 56th Street. [redacted] stated that on the night of June 6, 1963 she did not work but was at the restaurant visiting and she believes that she arrived at the restaurant at approximately 10:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter as she was told that [redacted] night waitress.

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[redacted] had just arrived before she, [redacted] appeared at the restaurant. [redacted] advised that, when she arrived, LOUIS GRECO, AL ALBANA and WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI had been playing cards and after a short period of time ALBANA and WILLIAM COVELLI quit the game. She stated that she estimated that WILLIAM COVELLI left Greco's Restaurant approximately 10:45 p.m., and he did not say where he was going. [redacted] stated that she did not see any cars or persons of an unusual or suspicious nature and she stated that she had no idea of the individuals who either abducted WILLIAM COVELLI or who would be desirous of doing such a thing.

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Date June 18, 1963

AL "CADILLAC" AL ALBANA, contacted at his personal residence, 3029-52nd Avenue located upstairs over Dante's Tavern, was contacted on June 12, 1963 but did not talk in person to the interviewing agents. ALBANA stated that he had nothing to say and then added that he did not want to talk to the FBI. Shortly thereafter ALBANA answered a question and the interview was continued on the telephone with ALBANA:

ALBANA advised that he was in Greco's Restaurant on June 6, 1963 from the early afternoon until sometime after midnight the following morning. He stated that he ate his dinner at the restaurant and later in the evening he played pinochle with WILLIAM COVELLI and LOUIE GRECO. He also stated that he did not notice any strange cars or strangers around Greco's Restaurant at anytime.

ALBANA advised he has not heard anything since the alleged abduction of COVELLI and has no knowledge about what happened other than newspaper accounts he has read concerning this matter.

ALBANA was very hostile towards the interviewing agent and stated that he would not talk about anything other than the matter mentioned above.

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WILLIAM COVELLI on June 7, 12, and 14, 1963 advised SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that he refused to take a Polygraph examination without the approval of his attorney,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 19, 1963

[] Attorney at Law, Metropolitan Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the presence of his client, WILLIAM COVELLI, who was being interviewed at the Kenosha Resident Agency, stated that about five weeks ago when COVELLI had traveled from Kenosha, Wisconsin to Milwaukee, Wisconsin he had noticed an automobile surveilling him. COVELLI had come to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the purpose of consulting [] on a case which COVELLI has pending against him by the Internal Revenue Service. COVELLI [] went to COVELLI's car to get some records and thereafter when COVELLI left the area with his car [] obtained the license number of a black and white Ford which she believed followed him. This license number, according to [] was Wisconsin license []

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On the evening of June 7, 1963 [] stated that with respect to the lie detector test he desired to make certain conditions under which it would be given. One condition was that it would be limited entirely to the matter of the abduction. Secondly, he desired to see all of the questions which would be given to Mr. COVELLI before COVELLI submitted to the lie detector test to assure himself that they did not go outside of the limitations he set. Thirdly, he requested that either he be in the same room with COVELLI or in another room in a position to oversee and hear the examination with the opportunity to interject at any moment should the questioning go beyond the bounds of the limits he set.

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[] stated that he would insist on the employment of a man named [] from Chicago as the polygraph expert.

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[] was advised that we have our own polygraph experts who would give the test and that many of the conditions he set would not be in accordance with established practice.

[] then stated that he desired to give the matter some further thought and either the next day or by Monday would submit to the Milwaukee Office a letter containing the conditions under which he would permit his client to submit to a polygraph examination.

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By communication dated July 10, 1963 the Chicago Office supplied the following information:

MI T-1 advised that no Polygraph examination had been afforded to WILLIAM COVELLI by John S. Reid and Associates, 600 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who are an independent polygraph organization. MI T-1 advised that a man who identified himself as [] a Milwaukee attorney, called Reid and Associates and requested a polygraph examination for COVELLI but made a request that only one record of the examination be made and requested that all records concerning this examination be turned over []. MI T-1 advised that [] had been informed the request was unusual and therefore would have to be handled [] personally, who was not at that time available. [] did not continue the request.

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[] had stated that authorities did not believe the story of WILLIAM COVELLI's abduction and [] wanted the polygraph examination to determine if COVELLI had told him the truth.

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V. ASSOCIATES AND ACQUAINTANCES OF WILLIAM COVELLI
AND ANTHONY J. BIERNAT AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

MI T-3 advised on June 26, 1963 that he worked for [] as [] the time STANLEY HAUKE DAHL became Chief and after he became Chief. MI T-3 further stated as follows:

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At the time of the murder of RED COVELLI, father of Subject, [] were patrolmen riding a squad together. They were very near the scene of the COVELLI murder at the time it occurred and, by backing their squad car up, might have headed off the assailant. However, they went around the block and by the time they returned to the scene the assailant was gone.

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Prior to the time HAUKE DAHL became Chief, [] and an officer named [] (Phonetic) checked the Kenosha gambling joints "by the clock". The gamblers knew exactly when to expect the officers and discontinued their games until after the police check was made when they resumed gambling again. This practice was discontinued when HAUKE DAHL became chief. At that time he was an honest officer and attempted to run the Police Department in a proper manner.

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In about 1949 a grand jury convened in Kenosha County. The district attorney, a man named [] (Phonetic) was kicked out of office and a man named [] (Phonetic) was made Acting District Attorney. He conducted the grand jury. At the grand jury HAUKE DAHL testified that a Kenosha Counselman OLKIEVES (Phonetic) came to him, stuffed a thousand dollar bill in his pocket and promised him regular payments in the future if he would go along with the practice of being lenient on the gamblers. HAUKE DAHL did not accept the money and turned down the proposition. HAUKE DAHL wanted to have the matter carried into court and would have testified against OLKIEVES but could obtain no corroborating testimony. [] wanted [] to testify that OLKIEVES entered the building that day, but [] said he didn't remember and would not testify. HAUKE DAHL then asked MI T-3 to testify to the same facts but, since this was not true, MI T-3 declined to testify falsely.

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Sometime later, when MI T-3 was considering leaving the

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[redacted] he was approached by the Subject, who asked if MI T-3 [redacted] The Subject said that he could "get" either the Chief [redacted] that is, oust them from office by framing them with some girl. [redacted] MI T-3 [redacted]

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It was understood that gamblers would pay off. MI T-3 [redacted]

On another occasion while MI T-3 was [redacted] Department and during the tenure of Chief HAUKE DAHL. JEFF COVELLI offered MI T-3 [redacted]

COVELLI said that [redacted]

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COVELLI said that he no longer trusted [redacted] to obtain the information on raids. MI T-3 said that this occurred during the early years of Chief HAUKE DAHL's tenure when efforts were made to get evidence on gambling houses and to conduct raids on such places. HAUKE DAHL had taken MI T-3 [redacted] but apparently mistrusted [redacted] at that time and was not telling him his intentions regarding gambling enforcement. MI T-3 said that he related the above incident to HAUKE DAHL

At about that same time [redacted] both members of the Department, were attempting to undermine confidence in HAUKE DAHL. [redacted] publicly made derogatory statements about the Chief while [redacted] confided in one of the counselors in an effort to undermine the Chief. HAUKE DAHL learned of this and asked MI T-3 [redacted]

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MI T-3 said that he recalled that in about 1949 an informant told him that the wife and daughter of one of the local gamblers had been abducted and held at gunpoint by some hoodlums who were presumably not from Kenosha. While holding these women at gunpoint, the hoodlums called the gambler and told him that the women were safe this time but next time the outcome would be different. They ordered the gambler to turn his business over to BILL COVELLI. The business in question was that located at 2207 56th Street, next to Greco's Restaurant. Thereafter, the

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gambler got out of the business and BILL COVELLI succeeded him.

MI T-3 said that there was no complaint made in this matter by the gambler. The source of the information is no longer in Kenosha and presumably left the gambling racket entirely. He is said to be somewhere in San Francisco.

MI T-3 said he did not know the identity of the gambler whose wife and daughter were abducted but he thought it might be [redacted]

When told that [redacted] had never been married,

MI T-3 said that the incident could refer to [redacted] or it could relate to CARL SCOLA. He said that both SCOLA [redacted] had been interested in the gambling joint next to Greco's in about 1949. He said that he had no way of checking back and getting further information on this incident. He said that the alleged abduction was not believed to have been performed personally by BILL COVELLI but was presumably performed for him.

MI T-3 said that BILL COVELLI always carried a gun--ten or more years ago. COVELLI was also avid for publicity and MI T-3 thought that the recent abduction story was a stunt on the part of COVELLI. MI T-3 said that he did not know why RED COVELLI was killed but it was believed that somebody in the bootleg racket did it.

MI T-3 named [redacted] as a Kenosha gambler who never trusted COVELLI.

MI T-3 also said that [redacted] used to have a girl friend with whom he operated the Parkside Restaurant. He did not know whether this woman had a daughter and might have been the subject of the alleged abduction referred to above. He thought that [redacted] broke up with this woman.

MI T-3 said that he had no information on the murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT but he was inclined to think that BIERNAT might have confided his troubles to Chief HAUKE DAHL who had done nothing about it. He said this was not founded on any fact, but rather on his belief that HAUKE DAHL was not in a position to do anything about such a situation if it had been reported to him.

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[redacted] residence [redacted] was interviewed at the Towne House, 3322 Sheridan Road, a restaurant and bar operated [redacted]

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He advised that he has known WILLIAM COVELLI and ANTHONY J. BIERNAT quite well, that WILLIAM COVELLI has for some years and still has cigarette machines in his restaurant and that BIERNAT's company has for some time and still has the jukebox machines in his restaurant. [redacted] claimed he hadn't seen BIERNAT since a couple of weeks before Christmas of 1962. He had known BIERNAT since approximately 1949 or 1950.

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About five or six years ago [redacted] was [redacted] with WILLIAM COVELLI in a tavern known as the Club Holiday located at the Dayton Hotel, Kenosha, Wisconsin. [redacted] said that before going [redacted] in the Club Holiday with COVELLI COVELLI had been in the vending machine business but had sold the business to a nephew. COVELLI subsequently to severing [redacted] in the tavern again acquired the vending machine business from his nephew.

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[redacted] said he hasn't seen "WEISER" COVELLI, the name by which WILLIAM COVELLI is known, for four or five weeks although COVELLI comes each week, usually [redacted] to collect proceeds from the machine. [redacted] stated he is not always at the Towne House when COVELLI arrives.

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[redacted] advised that BIERNAT's jukebox machine is serviced by SAM IAQUINTA who worked for BIERNAT and that they were formerly serviced by EDDIE GRIFFIN who died about two or three weeks ago of a prolonged illness, nature unknown, and were also serviced by a [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] said he has known "WEISER" COVELLI for most of his life and believes him to be a respectable individual.

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He does not know of any reason why BIERNAT was killed and always considered him to be a respectable man.

He is acquainted with JOHN RIZZO but does not associate with him. A year or two ago he gambled at RIZZO's gambling place operated by RIZZO and COVELLI at 56th Street and 22nd Avenue

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in Kenosha, Wisconsin. [] claims he has not gambled recently and cannot afford to. He claimed that he did not know of any large time gambling in Kenosha, Wisconsin and makes a point of not inquiring into the location of any gambling place because it is bad business to give such information to customers of the restaurant who may thereafter lose their money.

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[] advised that the Towne House is a corporation owned by []

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[] stated he knew nothing whatever about the abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI other than what he has read in the newspapers and knows of no one who might have committed the abduction.

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[redacted] the Town House, Sheridan Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin, stated as follows:

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For about five years he and CARL SCOLA operated a gambling game (cards and dice) at 2207 - 56th Street, Kenosha. In the spring of 1949 [redacted] so he sold out his interest to SCOLA. Thereafter he disclaimed any knowledge of the activity at 2207 56th Street. During the time [redacted] had an interest in the place, however, JOHN RIZZO used to come there to play on occasion.

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In December, 1949, after [redacted] opened a restaurant. He conducted this business at several successive locations. [redacted]

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After selling [redacted] he was without a business establishment for a short time but then again resumed the restaurant business.

[redacted] said that he had never been married.

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He also said that JOSEPH GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI were unknown to him except by name.

He said that he was acquainted with the fact that WILLIAM COVELLI's father, RED COVELLI, was killed, but he disclaimed any knowledge of the facts, saying only that RED COVELLI seemed to be a nice guy.

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[redacted] advised he is a very distant relative of [redacted] the Towne House but is not an associate of his.

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He said he was not acquainted with ANTHONY J. BIERNAT or with WILLIAM COVELLI although he does know what COVELLI looks like and his father was a friend of COVELLI's father.

[redacted] advised he was a teacher at [redacted] North Chicago, Illinois, and has been a teacher for thirteen years.

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[redacted] advised he has known "WEISER" COVELLI, as he knows WILLIAM COVELLI, since childhood but does not associate with him at the present time. He lived in the same block with "WEISER" at the time "WEISER's" father was killed many years ago. He does not believe "WEISER" would hurt anybody, is a "nice guy" and he has no idea why COVELLI should have been abducted.

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[redacted] said he knew ANTHONY J. BIERNAT by sight, that he had a reputation of being a good man, and that he knows nothing of the cause of his murder.

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[redacted] knows JOHN RIZZO of Racine by sight but is not acquainted with him. He doesn't know anything about "WEISER" COVELLI's gambling operations with JOHN RIZZO. He stated he does not believe there is any big time gambling going on in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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[redacted] said he is employed by [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has on his route about half of the taverns in Kenosha, Wisconsin and in the county as far as Silver Lake, Wisconsin. Evenings he works as a bartender for [redacted] the Towne House. He stated he has heard a lot of gossip from bartenders about the events happening in Kenosha but refused to divulge any of it because he considered it of no account.

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May 16, 1963

[redacted] Kenosha Wisconsin PD. was interviewed on May 15, 1963 by SAs FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR. [redacted]

[redacted] At the outset of the interview [redacted] said that he was very glad to have agents interview him, as he had been told that inquiries had been made concerning himself and former Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL. [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] was asked if he had ever taken any form of a payoff from any one at any time. [redacted] stated that he definitely had not and that he had recently withdrawn \$500 from the bank in order to purchase a new car. [redacted] stated that this was all of the money that he had in the bank. He stated that he would be making the final payment on his home in Kenosha within the next three months, after having carried a mortgage for many years. He stated that he has not lived beyond his means at any time in his life as he would have if he had been paid off. [redacted] attributes the allegations about him taking pay off to [redacted] the Union Club in Kenosha, Wisconsin. [redacted] recently went to Kenosha Mayor HAMMOND at which time [redacted] told the Mayor that he [redacted] was taking payoffs from gamblers in Kenosha and that he was the "bag man" for Chief HAUKE DAHL. [redacted] also stated that HAMMOND told HAUKE DAHL of [redacted] allegations and HAUKE DAHL in turn told [redacted] said he had looked [redacted] for the next few days and if he had found him he would have killed him. [redacted] then cooled off and thought about it and realized he should not let [redacted] remarks bother him and he tried to forget the incident. [redacted] stated that he had been an honest police officer for 27 years as evidenced by the fact that he has risen to the rank [redacted] and the allegations about him taking payoffs hurt him because he has 3 daughters and a son who is currently in the Marine Corps. [redacted] further stated that he has never been offered payoffs since he has been a police officer in Kenosha.

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Concerning his association with hoodlums and gamblers in Kenosha, [redacted] stated that he grew up on the west side and played ball with many of those individuals now considered gamblers and hoodlums and he does not see any reason why he should break off their friendship because they are gamblers or considered

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hoodlums. [] stated that this, in fact, was of benefit to the Kenosha Police as he was able to talk to these people and they had confidence in him.

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RE: JOE GURERA &
STEVE DE SALVO

[] stated that he had been introduced to JOE GURERA by STEVE DE SALVO in early November of 1962. [] could not recall the exact date that he met GURERA and DE SALVO, however, the meeting took place at Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha. [] stated he is well acquainted with DE SALVO's brother and he had known STEVE DE SALVO previously. DE SALVO asked [] "How are things?" and then stated, "I want you to meet a friend of mine, JOE." JOE said "Hello" and that terminated the meeting. [] further stated that it was on his day off when he met GURERA and DE SALVO and he was requested by interviewing agents to attempt to ascertain the exact date of the meeting by determining which day he had off. [] stated that he had heard that BIERNAT was contacted some time in November by JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO, however, contrary to previous reports, he believes that WEISTER COVELLI had seen BIERNAT a few hours earlier and GURERA and DE SALVO went to see him a few hours later that same day, at which time COVELLI was not with them. [] could furnish no further information concerning STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA.

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RE: ANTHONY BIERNAT

[] stated that he knew ANTHONY BIERNAT and he had no idea as to who would have wanted to kill him. He stated that BIERNAT played the horses but that he did not book. [] further stated that TONY BIERNAT []

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[] When she went out BIERNAT would have a young boy named, (FNU) [] come to the BIERNAT home and stay with him because BIERNAT was very nervous about staying alone. MATTIOLI advised that he would attempt to ascertain the exact identity []

RE: JEFF COVELLI

[] stated that he knew JEFF COVELLI and JEFF was a mental case. He stated that although JEFF is yellow, he is definitely mental and could have taken part in the BIERNAT

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slaying. According to [] JEFF COVELLI is running a restaurant on Sheridan Road known as Maxies and he is not at all closely associated with his brother, WEISER COVELLI.

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RE: WEISER COVELLI

[] stated that WEISER COVELLI is "a pretty solid kid", who definitely had nothing to do with the BERNAT abduction and murder. [] feels that WEISER COVELLI is following somewhat in his father's footsteps, although he did not think he was going to. [] talked to WEISER COVELLI after the BERNAT slaying and COVELLI swore on his father's grave that he knew nothing about the abduction and slaying. [] stated that COVELLI is afraid to talk to the FBI because of possible repercussions from the hoodlum element. [] stated that he himself told COVELLI that he should talk to authorities because the more you avoid them the more it looks like you have had part. COVELLI recently asked [], "Why is the FBI watching my home." [] stated he was unable to tell COVELLI anything. He said COVELLI is currently not in any tax difficulties and is running the Kenosha Vending Company on 22nd Avenue. [] stated that he would personally attempt to get WEISER COVELLI to talk to FBI agents. [] stated he could probably get COVELLI to talk to agents if it were on a very confidential basis.

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RE: JOHN RIZZO

[] stated that he could not point his finger at any individual in the Kenosha area as being controlled by the syndicate except JOHN RIZZO. [] stated he first met RIZZO at the track down in Illinois some time ago and he last saw him a few weeks ago at Arlington in Illinois. [] could give no reason for his belief that RIZZO was controlled by the syndicate, however, it was an impression he had gotten. [] stated that RIZZO and COVELLI are together quite often, however, he does not think that they are partners in any venture at present.

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RE: ALBERT ALBANA

[] stated that AL ALBANA had visions of grandeur about himself, however, he is just a moocher and very disliked by many individuals in Kenosha. He stated that AL ALBANA is frequently complaining about backaches and various illnesses.

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He stated that ALBANA once ran a mink ranch in Kenosha, then he went out to the West Coast during the war where he worked on liberty ships, after which he returned to Kenosha. [] believes that ALBANA's [] most of the time and he has worked very intermittently. ALBANA at one time did work as a door man at a crap game on 56th Street in Kenosha next to Greco's Restaurant. This game, which is no longer operating, was run by WEISER COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO and to his knowledge ALBANA has never operated a game of his own. [] stated that he could not believe that ALBANA would be a suspect in the ANTHONY BIERNAT abduction and murder.

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RE: FRANK BALISTRIERI

[] stated that he had met FRANK BALISTRIERI only once and that was about a year ago at Arlington Park Race Track in Illinois. He knows nothing of his activities and he has not seen BALISTRIERI since the initial meeting.

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RE: []

[] stated that he knew [] real well and advised that [] was once a safe man. [] is now a cement contractor and he got married three months ago. [] does not feel that [] had a part in the BIERNAT slaying and he does not believe that [] is currently involved in illegal activities.

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RE: RALPH MASARO & AL DE CESARO

[] stated that RALPH MASARO and AL DE CESARO are partners but only DE CESARO is booking horses. MASARO is apparently running card games while DE CESARO does the booking and [] does not know where DE CESARO is getting his line. [] stated that he has tried to "knock off" DE CESARO on prior occasions, but that he has been unable to obtain enough evidence. [] stated he is a good friend of RALPH MASARO's and he visits him very often even though MASARO is a known gambler.

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[] said that MASARO is doing real well at his new location at 63rd and 14th Street and recently he took in \$70 in one day. [] believes that MASARO would be receptive to an FBI contact and would most likely furnish any information he has.

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RE: DOMINIC PRINCIPE

According to [] DOMINIC PRINCIPE was "a rough kid", but he has settled down and is currently trying to make an honest living. [] stated that PRINCIPE is a good plumber but because of illness has had to take it easy and, therefore, is in the restaurant business with his sister in Illinois. [] himself is a []

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[] said he would find it hard to believe that PRINCIPE could be involved in the BERNAT abduction and murder in any way. [] could furnish no information concerning the car previously owned by PRINCIPE's sister and possibly driven at times by PRINCIPE, and when appraised of the story furnished by PRINCIPE and his sister concerning the disposition of the car, [] stated, "It does sound kind of funny." [] said that right after the BERNAT body was found Chief HAUKEHAHL told him to get hold of PRINCIPE so he could talk to him. [] was unsuccessful and the Chief [] went to Illinois to see PRINCIPE at which time they saw FBI Agents there. [] did not know why HAUKEHAHL wanted to see PRINCIPE at that time. [] himself last saw PRINCIPE about 2 weeks ago at Carl's Delicatessen at 63rd and 14th Street, Kenosha, which is owned by RALPH MASARO. At that time only casual conversation took place.

RE: FRANK JANUZZI

[] stated that FRANK JANUZZI also worked for JOHN RIZZO and WEISER COVELLI when they ran a gambling joint on 56th Street in Kenosha and he worked in the same capacity as ALBERT ALBANA, that is as door man and look out. [] stated that JANUZZI was a very good friend of JOHN RIZZO, however, he did not know of his relationship with WEISER COVELLI.

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At the close of the interview, [] stated that STAN HAUKEHAHL was "pretty shook" by the developments in Kenosha. He stated that he did not know what HAUKEHAHL was doing at present nor what he intended to do. [] himself is not worried about any allegations made concerning him, however, they are disturbing. He stated that he would like to see the BERNAT slaying solved for the good of the Kenosha []

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[] stated that this involves the construction of a Pitch and Putt Golf course in the Kenosha area.

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On June 26, 1963, [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, advised SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON that he had never heard of an incident in which [redacted] a gambler were allegedly abducted by or on behalf of WILLIAM COVELLI in order to force the gambler to relinquish his interest in the gambling operation to WILLIAM COVELLI.

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[redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, stated that he was formerly [redacted] and started work as such in 1952. He recalled no incident involving the abduction [redacted] of a gambler so that WILLIAM COVELLI could take over the gambler's interest in a Kenosha gambling operation. He said that he recalled that in about 1955-56, WILLIAM COVELLI and CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA were partners in the gambling operation at 2207 - 56th Street. [redacted] said that his recollection did not go back as far as 1949 with respect to gambling at that location.

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On June 26, 1963, [redacted] Racine County Sheriff's Office, advised SAs LEGRAND and THOMPSON that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, Kenosha gambler who lives in Racine County, was robbed on the early morning of April 15, 1961, but no abduction was involved in the incident. He made available the following information obtained through investigation by the Racine County Sheriff's Office:

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[redacted] the Racine Private Police, Inc., 2048 Clark Street, Racine, who lives at [redacted] Wisconsin, made a complaint on the morning of April 15, 1961, that the home of JOHN RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, had been broken into during the early morning hours of that day, that the telephone wires had been cut and that RIZZO's 1958 Lincoln, license Y50-280, had been stolen. [redacted] said that he had been hired three weeks previously to check RIZZO's home at eleven PM, 1:30 AM and 2:30 AM each night and to break in if a certain card had been removed from one of the windows. Regular checks had been made during the previous night, but nothing unusual had been noted. However, at 5:25 AM on April 15, 1961, RIZZO informed the Racine Private Police, Inc., that his car had been taken. [redacted] had proceeded to the RIZZO home and had assisted in looking for the car with negative results.

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[REDACTED] RIZZO, [REDACTED] JOHN, told deputies that at about 3:30 AM on April 15, 1961, a man forced his way into the RIZZO home, displayed a gun and waited until RIZZO drove into his garage at about 4:30 AM. This man had a stocking pulled over his face. When RIZZO drove into his garage, the man went to meet RIZZO. The telephone was dead, and it was later found that the wires had been cut.

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JOHN RIZZO was not located for interview until April 16, 1961. He told deputies that a man with a stocking over his face met him at his garage on the previous morning, pointed a gun at him and asked where the money was. RIZZO put money from his pockets (about \$50) on the fender of the car but the intruder did not take it. Instead, he asked for the keys to the car and said he would leave it on Highway 38. During the day on April 15, 1961, RIZZO and a friend, whom he would not name, located RIZZO's car on Highway 38 in Oak Creek. The muffler was ruined and the glove compartment had been broken into.

On December 17, 1961, according to Racine County Sheriff's Office records, [REDACTED] Milwaukee, told Milwaukee Police that [REDACTED] who was then under arrest in another matter, had robbed "Johnny the Gambler" of Kenosha. He allegedly showed [REDACTED] \$780 which she counted. He offered her \$200, but she did not accept it. Other factors disclosed [REDACTED] pointed to the fact that [REDACTED] was the man who robbed RIZZO on April 15, 1961. [REDACTED] thought that [REDACTED] might have been dropped off at the RIZZO home by [REDACTED] or by a friend named [REDACTED]

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The records further disclosed that the Racine County District Attorney declined prosecution [REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted on July 1, 1963 by
SAs JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and CARLYLE N. REED:

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

[redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, said that he had never heard of an incident which allegedly occurred in about 1949 at which time [redacted] and CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA were running a gambling spot at 2207-56th Street, Kenosha. The alleged incident inquired about had to do with the supposed kidnapping of the wife and daughter (or possibly sister and daughter) of one of the two partners. The women were held at gunpoint by some hoods who telephoned the gambler, told him that the woman and girl were okay and would be released this time but next time it would be different. The purpose of this alleged kidnapping was to force the gambler to turn over his interest in the above address to WILLIAM COVELLI which, according to the story, was done.

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As indicated, [redacted] had never heard of such an incident but he did furnish the following information relative to CARL SCOLA [redacted]

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SCOLA, along with RALPH MASARO, is now operating a delicatessen located on the corner of 63rd Street and 14th Avenue in Kenosha.

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Neither SCOLA [redacted] are married or ever have been married to [redacted] knowledge and while SCOLA's immediate family is unknown [redacted]

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During the 1940's these two individuals did operate a gambling place at 2207-56th Street. [redacted] pulled out of this for reason unknown [redacted] and thereafter SCOLA and "WEISER" COVELLI ran it for a short time after which SCOLA pulled out.

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CARL SCOLA, who resides at 3029-52nd Street, Kenosha, furnished the following information:

He was born January 6, 1902 in Italy and was unsuccessful in obtaining American citizenship. He is still an alien. He has one arrest - for gambling in Kenosha in about 1941. He is not and never has been married, and he has only [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois, exact address unknown. [redacted]

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From 1940 till about 1949 he, [redacted] operated a gambling spot at 2207-56th Avenue, but he claimed to be unable to recall the names of any individuals who worked for him during this period. He said he discontinued this method of making a livelihood in order to go to work for Simmon's Mattress Company and later for American Motors Corp. and that he was drinking heavily during the period and that this in addition was a reason for changing his way of life. He said that [redacted] left the gambling place shortly before he did but emphatically denied that either he [redacted] were pushed in any way to leave this spot or turn it over to someone else. He said that he is acquainted with AL ALBANA and DOMINIC PRINCIPE both of whom had been in the gambling place while he ran it but that neither of them had worked there.

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He said he does not know who took over the gambling place or even that it continued as a gambling place after he left, this, in spite of the fact he admitted having been back to Greco's Restaurant located next door, on numerous occasions since he discontinued operation of the gambling joint.

When the above story as to the alleged kidnapping of a woman and her daughter was related to SCOLA he said that this was a "bunch of baloney."

During the course of the interview of SCOLA, RALPH MASARO came into the delicatessen and he was asked whether he knew anything about such an incident as related above, and he stated that he did not.

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Both of these individuals were queried as to any knowledge they might have as to the abduction and murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT and of the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and they both protested that they were hard working men who did not meddle into other people's affairs but paid attention to their own business operation of running a delicatessen. They said they were not interested in either of these affairs and had no observations or information regarding them.

MASARO was asked if he was operating a book in connection with the delicatessen business, and he said, "No, not here." He was then asked if this meant that he was operating a book at home or elsewhere and he said that he was doing "a little booking at home and a little booking on the street."

[redacted] stated that [redacted]
[redacted] was out of town July 1, 1963
and that [redacted] Towne House is always closed on Mondays.

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[redacted] and he. [redacted] has never
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[redacted] She has never
received a threat or information that she was threatened in
any way and she has no idea what the story of the alleged
kidnapping could be about. She said that she knows CARL
SCOLA and so far as she knows he has never been married. She
said she did not know anything about his brothers or sisters
but had a vague recollection that he did have a brother.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 29, 1963

JOSEPH "PEPI" MADRIGRANO, President, Triangle Wholesale Company, 2119-82nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Kenosha County Schlitz beer distributor, advised the following:

MADRIGRANO advised that he knew ANTHONY BIERNAT through business connections but he was not a close friend of BIERNAT's and has not been with him on any social get-together.

MADRIGRANO stated that he has approximately 25-30 business stops as the Kenosha County Schlitz representative, and he would often see BIERNAT while on these business calls. He added that he saw TONY BIERNAT three or four times shortly before his abduction on January 7, 1963 but BIERNAT never acted strange, worried, or made any mention to him that he was in any form of trouble.

MADRIGRANO stated that if a new place of business was opened up in Kenosha and he placed his brand of beer in the bar, he would mention the fact to BIERNAT so that he could approach the new owners to place his jukebox in the new establishment.

MADRIGRANO stated that he was friendly with "WEISER" COVELLI and JEFF COVELLI but this friendship was nothing more than casual conversation when they would meet.

MADRIGRANO stated that he would often see "WEISER" COVELLI and Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, Kenosha Police Department, at Radigan's Restaurant in Illinois and that he had told HAUKE DAHL that he didn't approve of his outward association with COVELLI and other Kenosha individuals associated with COVELLI. He also stated that he had told HAUKE DAHL that he had made a big mistake in letting JOHN RIZZO of Racine come into Kenosha and openly conduct a crap game.

MADRIGRANO advised that he had no personal knowledge of the BIERNAT murder and the only thing he knew about this murder was what he had read in the newspapers.

MADRIGRANO stated that the people in Kenosha are indifferent and even though they know something is going on they will not do anything about it.

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by SA [redacted] /lmp Date dictated 6/24/63

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Date June 18, 1963

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised that he is employed at American Motors and lives with his parents at the [redacted] address.

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[redacted] stated that he wanted to learn the vending machine business, and as a result he worked as a part time route collector and serviceman for WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI. He said he worked irregular hours and was paid with cigarettes or other material items but was not a salaried employee. He stated that due to his interest in the vending machine business he was serving an apprenticeship and this accounted for his not receiving a regular wage.

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[redacted] stated that he was at Greco's Restaurant, 56th Street and 22nd Avenue, on June 8, 1963 around 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. and no one mentioned the alleged abduction of "WEISER" COVELLI. He added that he has been in the area of Greco's Restaurant on several occasions recently but he does not recall any unusual activity.

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[redacted] advised that he did not know ANTHONY BIERNAT and could offer no information concerning his abduction or his murder.

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[redacted] advised that he did not know anything about "WEISER" COVELLI approaching ANTHONY BIERNAT in company with JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO with the purpose of "buying in" to BIERNAT's jukebox business.

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[redacted] stated that COVELLI has three jukeboxes in Kenosha and they are located at La Strada's Bar, the Tropic Club, and Greco's Restaurant. He was asked if COVELLI had any jukeboxes in storage, and he stated that he knew of no other jukeboxes currently in the possession of COVELLI.

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[redacted] advised that he would be willing to help the FBI in any way that he could and that he would immediately advise the Milwaukee Office if he heard of any information concerning ANTHONY BIERNAT or the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI.

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by SAs [redacted] CHARLES A. AUSTIN/lmp Date dictated 6/14/63

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-1-Date June 13, 1963

FRANK BARCA, 2413 - 34th Avenue, Kenosha, advised that he has a juke box route with offices at 5227 - 13th Avenue, Kenosha. He stated that he had previously been approached by WILLIAM COVELLI to purchase the route but never actually got down to telling COVELLI exactly what he desired to receive for the sale of the route. He stated that he desired to sell the route because he has a good job with American Motors Corporation driving a truck, which pays him \$9,000 per year. His main reason for desiring to sell the route was to give him more time for relaxation.

He stated that on the night of June 6, 1963 he went to bed early and got up at the usual time of 2:50 a.m. and went to the American Motors truck terminal where he punched in between 3:30 and 3:40 a.m. He stated that because of his hours he always goes to bed early. He also advised that he did not have any information as to who might have killed TONY BIERNAT and that since his death [redacted] is still running the route and that there have been no proposals or inquiries by any other persons to obtain his route or any other route that he knows of. He also stated that a juke box route is not very lucrative and there would be no reason why anyone should kill BIERNAT just to obtain control of his route. It was his theory that BIERNAT must have owed a large sum of money to someone and had refused to pay it.

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He stated that he had no information in regard to the alleged COVELLI abduction and has no idea who might have done it. He also stated that he did not believe it was the FBI.

He also stated that he was born on September 11, 1909 at Newark, New York and that his parents are presently deceased and that he had three uncles living in Kenosha. These uncles who are living are PETER and ALFONSE, and the third uncle, TONY, died about ten years ago in Italy.

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by SAs ALBERT G. MACDONALD /jb Date dictated 6/13/63

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Date June 13, 1963

PETER BARCA, 1230 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, advised that he had known ANTHONY BIERNAT since BIERNAT was a young man. He also stated that he had previously been interviewed in regard to BIERNAT's abduction and subsequent murder. He also stated that he did not know why BIERNAT was killed or who did it and he felt positive that BIERNAT's juke box route was not very lucrative and therefore he knew no reason why anyone should have murdered him. He also stated that he believed BIERNAT paid his bills regularly and did not believe that he owed a large sum to anyone for any debts, including gambling debts.

In regard to the most recent alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI, he stated that he had gone to bed early on June 6, 1963 and had played golf on Friday, June 7, 1963 and likewise had gone to bed early and that on June 8 he had gone to the races at Washington Park in Illinois and also had played golf on Sunday. On Monday he had gone to a golf tournament at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and had returned home on Monday night. He stated it was upon his return home on Monday that he first knew that COVELLI had been abducted. He stated that he had not read the papers and had not associated with any individuals from Kenosha who might have given any information in regard to the COVELLI abduction, prior to Monday night.

Mr. BARCA was not very clear and it was difficult to understand his exact meaning, but his theory in regard to the COVELLI abduction was as follows as near as could be determined. He believes that someone murdered BIERNAT without the approval of the syndicate. However he does not know if there is such an organization as a syndicate and if there is such an organization he has no idea who are the members. He believes COVELLI was abducted and threatened by these syndicate men either to determine if he had anything to do with the murder of BIERNAT or to test his reliability to stay within the organization. He stated, however, that he believes the unknown persons who abducted COVELLI have now created an unfavorable situation of causing unfavorable pressure against these unknown people due to the investigation by law enforcement and by newspaper articles.

Mr. BARCA stated that he sold his supper club, the Flamingo Club, 1240 Sheridan Road, about two and one-half years ago

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and that now he operates the Barca Belting Company, which deals in new and used machinery, belts and conveyors. He stated this gives him considerable time to enjoy himself and he is semi-retired and plays a good deal of golf. He also stated that he was born July 22, 1903 in Italy, that he is about 5'9" tall, has gray hair, weighs about 175 pounds and has green-gray eyes. He also stated that his brother, TONY, formerly lived in Kenosha but returned about 8 or 10 years ago to Italy to see his family and had an appendectomy attack and died. He also stated that he has another brother, ALFONSE, who is retired and lives at the Kenosha Youth Foundation in Kenosha.

He also stated that he did not know whether COVELLI gambled and did not know whether he associated with JOHN RIZZO. He then stated that LOUIS GRECO, who operates the restaurant, is a brother-in-law of COVELLI and that [REDACTED] COVELLI, runs the LaStrada Tavern.

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He also stated that his only contact with FRANK BALISTRERI was that he met him about two years ago at an Italian-American golf tournament in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Date June 24, 1963

FRED "JEFF" COVELLI, 7544 Sheridan Road, advised that he did not know anything personally about the abduction of his brother, WILLIAM COVELLI or the impersonation of any federal officer except from what he had been told by ELEANOR and WILLIAM COVELLI. He stated that he heard about his brother's abduction early Friday morning, June 7, 1963 after returning from work at the American Motors Co. where he is employed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. He stated that upon receiving a telephone call from ELEANOR COVELLI he went over to "WEISER's" house and spoke to ELEANOR at which time she told him the details of the abduction.

FRED COVELLI stated that he could not think of anyone who would want to harm "WEISER" nor could he think of any reason for the abduction and he had no idea who might have pulled such a job. FRED COVELLI stated that prior to June 6, 1963 he is not sure when he last saw his brother, WILLIAM, but he does see him occasionally when he, FRED COVELLI, stops by Greco's Restaurant for a cup of coffee before going to work at American Motors. He advised that he would be very happy to furnish any information that he might receive that would help in solving the abduction of his brother, WILLIAM.

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[redacted] advised that prior to the abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI, [redacted] she had last seen him on Sunday, June 2, 1963 at a family gathering. At that time WILLIAM COVELLI did not appear concerned in any manner and [redacted] stated that she knows of no one who would be desirous of abducting her [redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI. She stated that she did not believe that any reason existed which would warrant such action toward WILLIAM COVELLI and that he is a "fine individual". She stated that she heard about COVELLI's abduction sometime early Friday morning, June 7, 1963 when WILLIAM COVELLI's wife, ELEANOR, called and spoke to WILLIAM COVELLI's brother, FRED "JEFF" COVELLI, [redacted] [redacted] stated that upon receiving this telephone call from ELEANOR COVELLI, FRED COVELLI went to the house of WILLIAM and ELEANOR COVELLI.

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Date June 25, 1963

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised that [redacted] DOMINIC PRINCIPE was associated in business with his sister EDITH, under the business name of Edith's Pizza, Highway 12, Lake Zurich, Illinois. She said that DOMINIC PRINCIPE customarily spends the entire week at his place of business and returns to Kenosha to be with his family only on weekends and sometimes not even on weekends. She stated that his presence at his place of business was made necessary by the character of the business, which is open 24 hours each day. b6 b7C

She stated that on Thursday evening, June 6, 1963, DOMINIC PRINCIPE traveled from Lake Zurich to Kenosha to attend the graduation exercises [redacted] in b6 b7C

Kenosha. She said that DOMINIC was engaged in the graduation festivities until 10:30 PM when he departed from Kenosha to return to Lake Zurich. She said that she was aware of the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI on the evening of June 6, 1963, because of the publicity the incident had received. In regard to the association between DOMINIC PRINCIPE and WILLIAM COVELLI, she said that they have been acquainted with one another for many years and that ELEANOR COVELLI (Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI) is the daughter of ANGELINE VENZI, nee PRINCIPE, who is the sister of DOMINIC PRINCIPE and, therefore, ELEANOR COVELLI is the niece of DOMINIC PRINCIPE.

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DOMINIC PRINCIPE, who operates a restaurant and one story apartment units on U.S. Highway 12, approximately six miles southeast of Lake Zurich, Illinois, furnished the following information:

PRINCIPE and his sister, EDITH SALEMI, are joint owners at the place of business known as Edith's Pizza, which is an incorporated business. In addition there are 12 small one story apartments adjacent to the restaurant which they own and operate under this corporate set up. He explained that the mailing address at this place of business is Route # 3, Box 237, Palatine, Illinois. At the outset of the interview with PRINCIPE, he asked what the matter was about and he was advised that agents desired to interview him concerning any knowledge he might have of the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI at Kenosha, Wisconsin on June 6, 1963. He immediately replied that he did not care to discuss the matter and had plenty of witnesses to account for his activities on the evening of June 6, 1963. He followed by voluntarily asserting that he could also account for his whereabouts on the night of January 7, 1963. In subsequent discussion PRINCIPE acknowledge that he was referring to the BERNAT slaying by his reference to the night of January 7, 1963.

Regarding his whereabouts on the evening and night of June 6, 1963, he said he had gone to his home in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where his wife and children permanently reside, for the express purpose of attending the eighth grade graduation [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] in Kenosha. He claimed he attended the graduation [redacted] having gone to the school at about 6 PM. for pre-graduation festivities, the graduation itself, and a social period at the school thereafter. Upon leaving the school he brought [redacted] back to their residence in Kenosha and at approximately 10:30 PM, June 6, 1963, he left the home and drove alone directly to the restaurant at Lake Zurich, Illinois in his automobile. He arrived at his place of business at about 11:45 PM, June 6, 1963 and stayed there the rest of the night. His route of travel upon leaving his residence in Kenosha was via 52nd Street, Kenosha, then south on U.S. 41 to Illinois Highway 63 and then 120 to U.S. Highway 45 and then on Illinois Highway 63 to Lake Zurich.

PRINCIPE pointed out the vehicle which he uses, which was noted to be a 1963 white Mercury Monterey, bears Illinois license 790-936.

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He also pointed out the fact that his sister EDITH drives a 1962 white, Lincoln Continental, 4-door, bearing 1963 Illinois license JH 1422. He explained that both of these vehicles are in EDITH's name and that actually both cars belong to their corporation, Edith's Pizza, Inc. He noted that EDITH makes the payments on both vehicles.

PRINCIPE stated that his last trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin was on June 8, 1963 for the purpose of picking up [redacted] and going to Madison, Wisconsin to attend the graduation [redacted] on June 10, 1963. He returned to Kenosha on the night of June 10, 1963 and stayed at his residence and returned to Lake Zurich, Illinois on June 11, 1963.

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Regarding WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, he explained that COVELLI married his, PRINCIPE's, niece and he is, therefore, related to COVELLI by marriage. He last saw WILLIAM COVELLI at a christening in Kenosha in November, 1962. He said he is not a close associate of COVELLI and has only chance meetings with him at social functions of interest, church affairs and the like. He first heard about WILLIAM COVELLI's alleged abduction on Monday, June 10, 1963 when he overheard two unidentified couples talking about that incident while the PRINCIPES were at their [redacted] the University of Wisconsin. PRINCIPE said that apparently the two couples were parents of a graduating student and the two couples were talking about the COVELLI abduction based upon a news item about it. He said he did not want to hear anything about it and intentionally withdrew himself [redacted] from within earshot of the two couples. He could furnish no suggestions as to who abducted COVELLI or why.

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Regarding the ANTHONY BERNAT slaying, PRINCIPE said he was at his place of business at Lake Zurich the entire night of January 7, 1963 and specifically recalls that at that time the weather was extremely cold and he had to be there to make sure the heat was functioning properly so that there would be no freezing of pipes.

He acknowledged that he "fell" with FRED COVELLI, brother of WILLIAM COVELLI, in an armed robbery for which he served 2½ years in the WSP, Waupun, Wisconsin and from where he was released 18 years ago. PRINCIPE expressed a great concern and was very emotional when he explained that [redacted] has never been told he has served a prison sentence although she has asked him if he has ever been in prison. PRINCIPE thought that her

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asking PRINCIPE this question was probably because she had been present in the past when PRINCIPE was approached for questioning by law enforcement officers.

PRINCIPE said he is building a new home in the Greenvlew Heights subdivision area in Kenosha, Wisconsin as a permanent home for [redacted] even though he has no plans of giving up his interest in the operation of Edith's Pizza, Inc. at Lake Zurich, Illinois.

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Date June 20, 1963

[redacted] "Dante's," 3029 52nd Street, advised that WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI comes into [redacted] occasionally and that he has known WILLIAM COVELLI for approximately 25 years. [redacted] stated that [redacted] current place approximately two years ago and has had WILLIAM COVELLI's vending machines since that time. [redacted] stated that he would have no idea as to whom might have abducted or who might have desired and planned to do so.

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[redacted] advised that he was slightly acquainted with ANTHONY BIERNAT, having seen him occasionally when he, [redacted] would go fishing and he would see BIERNAT in the area of the Kenosha Yacht Club as well as occasionally bumping into him at different places in Kenosha. [redacted] advised ANTHONY BIERNAT had never approached him with respect to putting in BIERNAT's machines in his establishment, and he had never heard of anything with respect to COVELLI having approached BIERNAT with regard to buying into BIERNAT's operation. During the course of interview [redacted] advised that he is a good friend and well acquainted with [redacted] AL ALBANA, who resides on the [redacted] as well as being acquainted with numerous other people known in the Kenosha area.

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[redacted] stated that it was his recollection that WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI had gone to school in Italy and was supposed to have obtained a college education in the United States, place unknown [redacted]

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Date June 25, 1963

FRANK JANNUZZI, residence Mid Town Hotel, 1351 State Street, advised that he is temporarily employed at the Marine Bar, 1144 South Lafayette Street, Racine, where he works from the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. JANNUZZI stated that the Marine Bar is presently in the process of being closed and that the bar which has been [redacted] is to be taken over [redacted] (Phonetic) who is reportedly the [redacted] the building where the Marine Bar is located.

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FRANK JOE JANNUZZI stated he last saw WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI about the first part of April, 1963 at the Sportmen's Track in Chicago, Illinois and to the best of his recollection has not seen him since. JANNUZZI stated that he has not been down to Kenosha, Wisconsin since sometime early in 1963, perhaps January or February. He stated that he first heard of WILLIAM COVELLI's abduction by reading of it in the papers and that he has no idea as to who might have abducted COVELLI or who might want to abduct COVELLI for any reason. JANNUZZI advised that he has known WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI approximately 12 or 13 years and that he has known JOHN CHARLES RIZZO for approximately 30 years.

JANNUZZI stated that he took the job at the Marine Bar on or about April 24, 1963 to help out [redacted] with whom he is personally acquainted. JANNUZZI was asked concerning previous employment and he stated that he had worked for a couple of days for the Greenleaf Co. on Highway 32. He was asked concerning his frequenting Greco's Restaurant and the place immediately east of Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin. JANNUZZI stated that he used to "hang around there" and that he was a runner and, when asked to explain, he meant that he would get the various fellows a cup of coffee if they desired. He was asked whether or not any card games were played there and JANNUZZI stated that there used to be a game of hearts and gin rummy and that most of the games of hearts were played over the weekend. He stated that these games would run until four or five in the morning and that over the weekend there would be present WEISER COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] (Phonetic), [redacted] AL ALBANA and others whom JANNUZZI stated he could not recall or declined to name. He was asked whether or not there were ever crap games at the building owned by LOUIE GRECO in Kenosha and at first he said

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there was never any crap game but subsequently he stated that there might have been a little game on occasion. When asked regarding any poker games, JANNUZZI stated that there might have been a little "low ball" but no real poker games. He stated that these games of hearts and gin rummy had gone on for approximately four or five years.

JANNUZZI stated that he knew nothing concerning any of the details regarding the abduction of WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI and had no opinion as to whom might have pulled such a "deal".

Date July 1, 1963

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO stated at the very beginning of the interview that he was free to talk about the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, which occurred on June 6, 1963, but that upon advice of counsel RIZZO stated that he could not discuss anything or any subject in addition to COVELLI's abduction. RIZZO advised that he had just seen his attorney, DOMINIC FRINZI, and been so instructed.

RIZZO stated that he last saw WILLIAM COVELLI on Sunday, June 16, 1963, when RIZZO [redacted] went to visit the COVELLIs at Kenosha, Wisconsin. RIZZO stated that he first heard of WILLIAM COVELLI's abduction when he read the article concerning COVELLI's abduction in the morning newspaper on Monday, June 9, 1963. RIZZO stated that he has known COVELLI approximately twelve to fifteen years.

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RIZZO was asked as to his own whereabouts during the evening of Thursday, June 6, 1963, and RIZZO said that he was at home [redacted] at that time. RIZZO related that he had absolutely no idea as to who abducted WILLIAM COVELLI, or why the abduction was perpetrated or who might have even had a desire to "do such a thing." RIZZO stated that he [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI took a vacation early in the year, returning from that vacation sometime in early April, 1963, and that since that time RIZZO has seen WILLIAM COVELLI only on several occasions. RIZZO related that he has not been going to Kenosha of late but has been spending most of his time at one of the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois, area. RIZZO stated that he sees WILLIAM COVELLI mostly in the wintertime when they play cards, pinochle and gin rummy. RIZZO advised that he has not played cards at the Elks Club in Racine, Wisconsin, for a number of years.

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RIZZO was asked whether he has any business interests with WILLIAM COVELLI, and RIZZO stated that he has no interest in vending machines. He advised that to his knowledge WILLIAM COVELLI is in the vending machine business [redacted]

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[redacted] RIZZO denied knowing of any other business that

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COVELLI might be interested in or in which he might be engaged. RIZZO was asked whether or not he had ever been associated with WILLIAM COVELLI in any type of business and RIZZO declined to answer and claimed that in his opinion such background information was not pertinent to the investigation concerning COVELLI's alleged abduction. RIZZO also declined to answer as to whether or not he had ever any interests with WILLIAM COVELLI in any form of gambling activities, and he declined to answer whether or not he had any interests in any current gambling activities. RIZZO was also asked as to whether or not he had ever participated in running any type of a gambling game, and he stated he declined to answer on the basis of prior instructions received from his attorney.

RIZZO was asked concerning the identities of various individuals who are believed to be associated with WILLIAM COVELLI or relations of COVELLI, and RIZZO identified JEFF COVELLI as WILLIAM COVELLI's brother whom he has known for approximately 12 to 15 years. RIZZO stated that he believed that at one time JEFF COVELLI and WILLIAM COVELLI had been in the vending machine business together but had mutually decided to sell their interests. With respect to AL ALBANA, RIZZO described him as an individual whom he has seen hanging around Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha and whom he has known for about four or five years. RIZZO was asked whether or not AL ALBANA had ever worked for him, and RIZZO replied, "You're getting off the track." RIZZO was shown a photograph of STEVE DE SALVO, and RIZZO advised that he knows who DE SALVO is when he sees him but is not well acquainted with him. RIZZO further stated that he does not recall ever having seen DE SALVO in Kenosha, Wisconsin. RIZZO described FRANK JANNUZZI as an individual he has known for approximately thirty years and as an individual whom he used to see at Kenosha, Wisconsin, occasionally every week, but RIZZO declined to mention the circumstances under which he had seen JANNUZZI. RIZZO said that he never had observed JANNUZZI gambling, did not know that JANNUZZI ever gambled and described JANNUZZI as an individual who was constantly down on his luck and to whom RIZZO would occasionally give his "handout." RIZZO denied that JANNUZZI had ever been employed by him for any reason.

RIZZO stated that he has known FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for perhaps twenty to twenty-five years and does not know exactly how he became acquainted with

FRANK BALISTRIERI except that he originally met him in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. RIZZO denied knowing any of the details concerning BALISTRIERI's background or his interests in various business undertakings. When shown a photograph of JOSEPH GURERA, RIZZO at first did not say whether he knew GURERA but commented, "He looks like a Mexican." When asked whether or not he knew GURERA or had ever met him, RIZZO stated that he could not recall. RIZZO was asked whether or not he had ever been arrested for any reason, and he declined to comment. Various questions were asked of RIZZO, most of which he declined to answer and would repeatedly reply by saying, "You're off the track" or "Who do you like in the third race?" RIZZO claimed that he was unable to recall when or how frequently he visited Milwaukee, and he stated he could not recall whether or not he was in Milwaukee near the end of 1962 or in early 1963.

The following description was obtained of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO by observation and interview:

Name	JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
Date of Birth	November 16, 1910
Place of Birth	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	205 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium--heavy
Complexion	Dark--tan
Peculiarities	Limps on left leg which has been shortened due to broken bone when RIZZO was in early 20's.
Wife	
Address	
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[redacted] while in the office of the United States Marshal, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he is [redacted]

[redacted] while awaiting appearance before the Federal Grand Jury, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He met [redacted] whom he referred to [redacted] at the Vagabond Club on 22nd Avenue in Kenosha in [redacted] upon his, [redacted] release from Wisconsin State Penitentiary. The two of them compared notes and gambled jointly with various bookies in Kenosha for the time between [redacted] release from Wisconsin State Penitentiary and his subsequent arrest in [redacted]. Likewise, he borrowed money [redacted] on several occasions, two or three \$10 loans, and on the last occasion a \$60 to \$80 loan just before he was arrested. He has never paid this money back [redacted] although it is possible that [redacted] contacted [redacted] and collected from her.

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[redacted] said it is an absolute fact that [redacted] assisted him in [redacted]

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[redacted] Also that [redacted] assisted [redacted]

[redacted] and that he intended to testify to these facts before the Federal Grand Jury under oath and would be perfectly willing to be examined on this subject matter or any other on a polygraph by anyone except the Kenosha Police Department. He said, in fact, that he had begged the Kenosha Sheriff's Department to put him on a lie box.

[redacted] said that he doubted that any [redacted] were still in existence, let alone in operation as he has learned by reading the newspapers about transfers of license involving these places and that [redacted] is no longer at the Vagabond Club, but instead is running Gino's Tap, formerly operated by NICK COVELLI and that NICK COVELLI is now running the Copper Squeeze Inn on 63rd Street in Kenosha. He said that he had [redacted] in all three of these places, namely, Vagabond Club, Gino's and the Copper Squeeze Inn.

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With regard to the gambling operation of COVELLI and RIZZO at 2207 - 56th Street, [redacted] said that he had never made an [redacted] and had never seen [redacted] at this place but he had tried to gain access to a room under Greco's Restaurant and had been unsuccessful since the room was locked up. He said he understands from other sources that there were [redacted] in this locked room which were used [redacted]

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[redacted] said that his information is two years old inasmuch as he has been out of circulation since that time.

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He did relate the following incidents relative to the BERNAT case:

In November, 1961, he was approached [redacted] who claimed to be working for the State Attorney's Office [redacted] is known as being assigned to the State Fire Marshal's Office but having been detached and assigned to then Attorney General REYNOLD's staff.) Approaching him along with [redacted]

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[redacted] at the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department. These two officers, according [redacted] wanted him to take over the operation of Dew Drop Inn on South Sheridan Road in conjunction with [redacted]

[redacted] told him that he could get some money from a state fund and that [redacted] was to set up a gambling game upstairs at the Dew Drop Inn using [redacted] who was "100% O.K." to run the game. [redacted] said these officers told him that they desired to [redacted]

The game operated for about one week and this was after [redacted] [redacted] had the cocktail bar and tavern in operation for a couple of months. After about a week of operation of the gambling place a State Beverage Tax man came on the scene and [redacted] said that he immediately closed the place up and he [redacted] sold out at a considerable loss.

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While he had this place in operation ANTHONY BIERNAT, whom he had known for many years and for whom he had worked a short time, installed a juke box and OK'd [redacted] credit with Gerolimo Liquor Distributors in the amount of \$800. For this [redacted] said he executed a \$800 note to BIERNAT which was witnessed by SAM IAQUINTA and that SAM IAQUINTA now has this note. He said the note was executed in either November or December of 1961.

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In February of 1963 while he, [redacted] was brought to Kenosha from the State Penitentiary to answer a fraud charge, he was going from the Sheriff's Department to the Court House in custody and when he got to the courtroom corridor he noticed the following four individuals standing there and they greeted him by shaking hands and telling him to "Take it easy - keep still - everything will work out O.K."

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These four individuals were [redacted] and an individual known as Cadillac Al or Alky Al, who is believed [redacted] to be identical with MIKE ALBANO, whose photograph he has seen at the Kenosha Sheriff's Department. Parenthetically, he examined a photograph of AL ALBANA, who has been referred to throughout the BIERNAT investigation as Cadillac Al, and said this was not the man he was talking about.

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[redacted] said he took the above statement by these individuals as a veiled threat relative to the BIERNAT case, especially after officers of the Kenosha Sheriff's Department questioned him about the reason for these individuals greeting him and explained that [redacted] had been fingered as being possibly involved in the BIERNAT abduction and slaying.

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[redacted] further described [redacted] as an individual who had a "collection agency" in Antioch, Illinois which, in fact, was a cover for collecting gambling debts for Antioch gamblers. He also said that he knew [redacted] as an employee [redacted] at the Vogue Distributing Company and he described [redacted] as [redacted] "heavy hand" used to assist in the installation of coin operated machines.

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[redacted] according [redacted] was not continuously employed in a gainful manner but had worked for a time on the

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City Street Department in Kenosha and also as an auxiliary policeman at the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department.

[redacted] also related that in May of 1963 when an Alderman [redacted] (from Kenosha) came to see [redacted] at Waupun, at which time [redacted] was attempting to get a John Doe investigation going in Kenosha, [redacted] asked him the following:

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He. [redacted] had been to Madison, Wisconsin and learned that [redacted] had obtained \$3,000 in 1961 from the state to be used to help [redacted] get set up in a gambling operation. [redacted] asked [redacted] what had happened to this money and [redacted] said that he never heard of the money and had never received a cent of it. He said this incident was connected apparently with his short-lived operation of the Dew Drop Inn and that either [redacted] must have gotten the money.

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Various photographs were shown [redacted] and he recognized photos of [redacted] JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] of Racine who works at Western Printing Company, and JOE GURERA. He said that he had seen GURERA talking to COVELLI and RIZZO on the corner of 22nd Avenue and 56th Street, Kenosha, sometime in the spring of 1961 "about the time Gurera came from Missouri." When it was pointed out to him that GURERA did not arrive in the area until February of 1962, he said he is certain that it was earlier than this and it must have been that GURERA was visiting from Missouri.

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With regard [redacted] said that he had seen this individual in company with [redacted] who according [redacted] [redacted] previous story, had printed up gambling cards for Kenosha gamblers and who was employed at the Western Printing Company.

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[redacted] Kenosha, furnished the following information:

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He is married, has two children, is employed as [redacted]
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A couple of years ago in late 1960 or early 1961 he first met a man known to him as FRANK BURLINGHAM. They met in the Vagabond Club on 22nd Avenue in Kenosha, which is run by one [redacted] who was known [redacted]. The meeting was casual and they had a few drinks together on this occasion and on several subsequent occasions, again at the Vagabond Club. After they had known each other for a matter of a week or so, BURLINGHAM told [redacted] that he had a check coming for some reason, not now remembered [redacted] and he needed \$70 to \$80 to tide him over until the check arrived. [redacted] loaned him \$80 and shortly thereafter BURLINGHAM was arrested and [redacted] has not seen him since his arrest. He, [redacted] has learned from other people that BURLINGHAM had also "clipped" them for loans and BURLINGHAM was described [redacted] as being a con-man type of individual.

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[redacted] told [redacted] that he was an architect for the City of Kenosha but beyond this and the fact that he was married, [redacted] claimed that he got practically no information from [redacted] of a personal nature.

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[redacted] said he was not aware of any information or even the fact that [redacted] had furnished information to official sources relative [redacted] might have made. [redacted] also denied steadfastly that he had ever known [redacted] in any manner in either [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that he had only been in the Vagabond Club five or six times and had never been in Gino's Tap, these being two places [redacted] said that [redacted] had assisted in the [redacted]
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[] said he would have no idea why [] would make such accusations against him and that he was perfectly willing to swear to the veracity of his, [] statements and take a polygraph examination if that were desired.

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Date June 12, 1963

On June 10, 1963 agents, in going to Kenosha Vending Company, 2209-56th Avenue, to pick up the list of employees previously arranged to be left there, found the Vending Company Office locked and the restaurant next door closed.

[redacted] Gerolmo's Liquor Store and Tap, 2201-56th Avenue said that [redacted] had left no paper with him for the FBI and knew nothing of any such arrangements. He said there had been activity in the store adjacent to his earlier in the day, but didn't know who had been there and didn't want to know.

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[redacted] stated to agents that neither [redacted] were at home; that they were out, [redacted] on the vending route and LOUIE just plain "out." She said she knew nothing of any list of employees that [redacted] LOUIE were to prepare. She displayed a markedly hostile and suspicious attitude.

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VI. ACQUAINTANCES OF WILLIAM COVELLI AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM; on June 14, 1963

T-4 advised that he had been with a group of individuals in which the alleged abduction by FBI Agents of WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI was discussed. He advised that the individuals present expressed the opinion that they did not believe the FBI was responsible for this, and that they further stated that they believed COVELLI may have perpetrated this abduction himself in order to take the pressure off him. He advised that COVELLI knew that he was under intense pressure by the FBI with regard to the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, and that COVELLI may have received some information to the effect that the FBI was getting close to solving BIERNAT's murder, and felt that he was about to be picked up and questioned again about this crime.

T-4 further stated that COVELLI may have felt that by perpetrating this abduction himself he could gain public sympathy and thereby release some of the pressure from him. He advised that this seems to be the general observation among other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area.

T-4 stated that the hoodlum element who have been under considerable pressure by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies since BIERNAT's abduction and murder, are very concerned right now about this new incident since the FBI is now going around reinterviewing all the hoodlums and applying additional pressure. He stated that they had hoped that the pressure, which had been applied as a result of the BIERNAT murder, would soon let up and that they could again start to operate in their old ways, but added that this incident, COVELLI incident, has opened up "that old wound" and they do not like it. He stated that if COVELLI did perpetrate this abduction the syndicate might take some action against him for bringing about this additional pressure which they had hoped would subside.

Date June 26, 1963

JOHN AIELLO, 2761 South Herman Street, advised that he does not know COVELLI adding that he has never met him. He stated that the only thing he knows about COVELLI's alleged abduction is what he read in the newspaper. He stated that in conversation around town that neither he nor anyone else believes the FBI was responsible for this abduction adding that the FBI is above such a thing. He added that this is a ridiculous situation and that he has no idea who may have done it or why this was done. He stated that the only thing this has done is cause a lot of extra heat around town.

AIELLO advised that he is not acquainted with ANTHONY BIERNAT and never heard of him until his death. He advised that he has no idea who murdered him and denied being in Kenosha, Wisconsin during the week of January 6, 1963 [redacted]. He advised that there is absolutely no talk around town with regard to BIERNAT's murder.

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Date 6/13/63

STEVE DE SALVO was contacted at Checker Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street. He refused to open the door and conversed by yelling through the plate glass window of the store. He said he would not talk to us unless we had a warrant and brought him downtown for questioning.

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SA CHARLES A. AUSTIN:mg Date dictated 6/12/63

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Date June 17, 1963

STEVE DE SALVO, 2605 East Holmes Avenue, Cudahy, Wisconsin, was interviewed in the parking lot behind his place of business, Checker Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street. DE SALVO was interviewed as he approached the car of another individual whom the agents were interviewing, [redacted] is an employee of DE SALVO. DE SALVO spoke in Italian [redacted] after which [redacted] immediately departed. DE SALVO was questioned as to his knowledge of the alleged abduction of WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI. DE SALVO expressed a most belligerent and contemptuous attitude toward the agents and stated he did not know COVELLI and never even heard of him. He stated he knew nothing about COVELLI's alleged abduction and did not want to talk about it. When he was questioned as to what he knew about the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, he stated he knows nothing about the murder of BIERNAT. He wanted to know why we were interested in talking to him, after which he pointed to several cars in the parking lot and asked why the agents did not interview the owners of these vehicles.

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STEVE DE SALVO even refused to look at the agents' credentials and when they were held in front of his eyes, he closed his eyes and turned his head and said he did not want to see them. DE SALVO stated he was a hard working man, and that the FBI and the police were harassing him and caused embarrassment to himself and his family.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and JOSEPH W. KRIOFSKE:

On June 14, 1963 an unsuccessful effort was made to contact FRANK STELLOH and/or his [redacted] at their address, [redacted]

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On June 15, 1963 STELLOH still was not at the address but [redacted] stated that he had been there for a short time during the previous afternoon but had not returned home during the night of June 14 and his whereabouts were unknown. [redacted] said he would ask STELLOH to contact this office.

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On June 14, 1963 spotchecks were made at 1012 South First Street where STELLOH allegedly hung out with STEVE DE SALVO but neither of them were located. [redacted] Merritt-Chapman and Scott, Contractors, Veterans' Administration Hospital, Woods, Wisconsin, stated that STELLOH last worked at that place on May 6, 1963.

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MI T-5 advised that STELLOH's immediate whereabouts were unknown but that he had not worked for sometime claiming that he had a bad back. Informant said that he had last seen STELLOH on June 10, 1963 when he was observed at Fazio's on Fifth in company with FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO.

On June 14, 1963 LOUIE FAZIO, 2805 North Humboldt, Apartment 2, business address Fazio's on Fifth, stated that he was working on the night of June 6, 1963 at Fazio's on Fifth which information was confirmed. [redacted] who also work at this location.

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LOUIE FAZIO said that he had an absolute minimum of information relative to the alleged abduction of "WEISER" COVELLI who is known to him as an associate of JOHN RIZZO of Racine and who on infrequent occasions comes to Fazio's in company with RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRIERI. FAZIO said that the only thing he has heard concerning the COVELLI abduction has been "loose talk" which he does not believe has any substance and is based on newspaper reports that the FBI was responsible for COVELLI's abduction. LOUIE FAZIO said that he drives a 1959 orchid and white Buick, Wisconsin license Y44-356.

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On June 14, 1963 [redacted] also known [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] and stated that he had worked at Antonio's for about the past two or three months working from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 10 p.m. to closing and that he had followed this schedule on the night of June 6, 1963. This was confirmed by contact with his employer, TONY MACHI.

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[redacted] said that he has not heard any information relative to the abduction of "WEISER" COVELLI and, in fact, did not know COVELLI. He said that he is acquainted with most of the Milwaukee Italians who hang around with FRANK BALISTRIERI and his crowd because he grew up with them. He described FRANK BALISTRIERI as a good friend of his of long standing but denied that he knew anything about their activities other than that BALISTRIERI runs Gallagher's Restaurant and the Downtowner and said that he himself did not participate in any of their activities. He said that the only trouble that he has ever gotten in has been as the result of his propensity for fighting.

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[redacted] drives a 1962 white Buick Convertible, Wisconsin license [redacted]

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On June 15, 1963 NICHOLAS GENTILE was interviewed at Aunt Fanny's Pancake House, 11426 West Bluemound, which is operated by [redacted] his brother JOSEPH.

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He said that he has been instrumental in helping get this business started since approximately the first of January, 1963 but that he was unable to get a license to operate it "because the Milwaukee Police Department scared the Wauwatosa Police Department" by giving them information relative to GENTILE's alleged past activities.

He said that on the night of June 6, 1963, as on other nights, he was present at the Pancake House [redacted] worked there until it closed around 11 p.m.

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He claimed not to have been to downtown Milwaukee recently nor to have been in touch with individuals mentioned to him as his known former associates. He calimed not to have any information relative to the abduction of "WEISER" COVELLI or the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT.

GENTILE operates a 1963 white F85 Oldsmobile registered in the name [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 26, 1963

At approximately 10:00 a.m. June 20, 1963 agents observed a 1960 white Ford Thunderbird, 1963 Wisconsin license Y73-573 which is registered to FRANCIS C. STELLOH, 1315 North 59th Street, parked in the rear of the four apartment unit located [redacted] Wisconsin.

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Agents went to the apartment house at this address where [redacted] is listed as the occupant [redacted]

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and upon ringing the door buzzer she appeared at the door and agents asked to speak to STELLOH. She said she was sorry but she could not be disturbed, that she had a female guest in the apartment. She was advised that agents desired to speak to the man who was in the apartment whereupon she closed the apartment door. The chain lock on the inside could be heard being latched.

After waiting a few minutes the agents rang the door buzzer again and FRANCIS C. STELLOH opened the door, looked at the agents, and said he had nothing to talk about. He was advised that he hadn't been informed as to who the callers were or the nature of their presence. He then said, "Have you got a warrant," to which agents replied, "No," that they merely wanted to talk to him whereupon he slammed the door.

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Date June 17, 1963

[redacted] was interviewed as he approached his vehicle, which was parked in the lot behind his place of employment, Checker Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street.

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[redacted] after being advised of the agents' identities, stated he did not desire to talk to the agents, for the agents to see his attorney and if we wanted to talk to him, we should get a warrant. [redacted] after considerable conversation, stated that he did not know WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI, but advised that he had heard of the alleged abduction of COVELLI. He stated that his only knowledge of this incident, was what he read in the newspaper.

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[redacted] stated that he goes to Kenosha frequently inasmuch as [redacted] living there, and that in fact he was last in Kenosha on June 9, 1963 to visit [redacted]. He stated that while they were visiting there, there was no discussion whatsoever of COVELLI's abduction.

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[redacted] advised that he had no idea as to who was responsible for the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT nor does he have any idea as to why BIERNAT was murdered. He stated that he works hard for a living at this cleaning establishment, and that he is at home every evening.

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Date June 14, 1963

[redacted] advised that he is living with [redacted] at this address, inasmuch as he is now [redacted]. He stated that [redacted]. He stated that he is now out of the bartending business inasmuch as the bar at 808 East Center Street is now closed. He stated this was formerly owned by SAM CEPALU. He stated that he is now going back to work selling soap and that he had just made application for a peddler's license.

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He stated that on June 6, 1963 he was in court all day and then came home, had dinner, in the evening he went down to Duffy's Pool Room on East State Street and North Van Buren Street. He stated he stayed there awhile and then visited a tavern in the neighborhood, and finally came home and went to bed about 11 P.M. as near as he could recall. He stated definitely that he had not been in Kenosha on the evening of June 6, 1963. He also stated that he did not have any knowledge in regard to the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI, nor did he know anything about the murder of TONY BIERNAT and has no knowledge about who may have been responsible for these matters. He also stated that he did not personally know either WILLIAM COVELLI or TONY BIERNAT.

The following descriptive information was obtained:

Name	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Height	5'7"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Brown, turning grey
Eyes	Brown
Wife	[redacted]
Children	[redacted]
Service	Army

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[redacted] also advised that he was receiving disability pensions from the Veterans Administration because of disability - ulcers.

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Date 6/13/63

WALTER F. BROCCA, 4023 South Kansas Street, upon first contact advised he did not desire to talk to the FBI at all, but then stated he knew nothing about anything that was supposed to have happened to WEISER COVELLI at Kenosha, Wisconsin, had heard nothing about it, did not want to know anything about it and could furnish absolutely no information about this or any other matter. He stated that when anything concerning such matters was brought up in his presence he either changed the subject or left. He stated he did not desire to further discuss this or any other matter.

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Date June 14, 1963

CARLO DI MAGGIO, 1526 North Franklin Place, advised that he is now retired inasmuch as he had a heart attack in May, 1962 and another one at a later date. He stated that because of his heart attack, he discontinued his meat market, which was located at 901 East Center Street.

He stated that on June 6, 1963, he went to bed early as he usually does. He also stated that he has not been to Kenosha in many years.

He furnished the following descriptive information in regard to himself:

Name	CARLO DI MAGGIO
Date of Birth	May 28, 1899
Place of Birth	Partinego, Italy
Citizenship	Arrived Milwaukee, 1906, Citizenship, 1945 at Milwaukee
Height	5'7"
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Thin
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Brown, wears glasses
Speech	Very haulty
Wife	Deceased
Children	

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He stated that he has known FRANK BALISTRIERI since FRANK was a child and came into his butcher shop. He stated, however, he does not associate with FRANK, and he has not engaged in any gambling. He stated that he is primarily interested in his butcher shop business.

DI MAGGIO stated that he did not have any knowledge as to the alleged abduction of COVELLI or the BERNAT murder, other than that obtained from news sources. He further stated since he took sick, he has not been going out to places where he would pick up such information. He maintained that he was presently living on an \$83.00 per month Social Security pension, and

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had not been to Kenosha since around 1932.

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Date June 15, 1963

FRANK LaGALBO, 1414 East Albion Street, was contacted at Chico's Bar and Restaurant, 1544 North Farwell Avenue, of which he is the proprietor, and advised of our desire to talk to him. He stated there was nothing he wished to speak to the FBI about and that if the FBI wanted any information from him it would be necessary to contact his attorney; namely, DOMINIC FRINZI.

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SA WARREN J. KENNEY/ef Date dictated 6/12/63

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 14, 1963

[redacted] the Talk of the Town Tavern, located at 507 West Wells Street, advised that on June 6, 1963, he was tending bar at his tavern until he closed at approximately 1:30 to 2:00 in the morning, and then he went over to the coffee shop at the Belmont Hotel to obtain something to eat.

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He stated that he does not know WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, and he has no recollection of having been in Kenosha for many years. He also stated that he knows nothing about the alleged abduction of COVELLI on June 6, 1963 other than what he has read in the newspaper, and he has not heard anyone talking about COVELLI's abduction, nor has he heard anything in regard to who may have been responsible for the death of ANTHONY BIERNAT. He furnished the following descriptive information:

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Build
Wife
Home Address
Brothers

[redacted]
5'11"
170 lbs.
Brown, getting thin
Blue
Medium

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by SA [redacted]
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Date June 17, 1963

[redacted] was contacted June 14, 1963, and advised that the FBI wanted to talk to him. He said that he would come to the FBI office the following morning at ten o'clock.

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On June 15, 1963, at 11:29 AM, [redacted] telephonically contacted the office and advised SA WARREN J. KENNEY that he would not come to the office to be interviewed unless this interview was to be conducted in the presence of his attorney. In view of this, no interview was conducted.

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by SA [redacted]/bs Date dictated 6/17/63

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 17, 1963

JOE PISCIONE was interviewed at his home, 435 Story Parkway, Milwaukee. He stated that he did not know WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI and knew nothing about his abduction until he read about it in the newspaper. He also stated that he does not have any idea why COVELLI should be abducted.

He stated that as he recalled the only conversation he had with anyone about this, was with SAM CEFALU while they were at Pop Maniaci's Restaurant on East North Avenue. The general results of this discussion were that both were of the opinion that it was ridiculous to think that the FBI would abduct COVELLI or any other person. He also stated that he thought the COVELLI abduction and the TONY BIERNAT murder were bad because it put the Italians in a bad light.

He also stated that it was undesirable to him inasmuch as he is interested in his own safety and the safety of his family.

He stated that on Thursday, June 6, 1963 he had gone fishing at Oshkosh, Wisconsin with [redacted] a funeral director. He stated that they had arrived home about midnight. As the agents were leaving, [redacted] came into the room and confirmed the fishing trip.

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He also stated that he did not know TONY BIERNAT and knew nothing in regard to his killing, other than what appeared in the newspapers and on TV.

He also stated that he was unable to understand the purpose behind the killing. He also stated that he had never been in Kenosha and had no opinion as to who may have killed BIERNAT.

He stated that he is a bartender and works for [redacted] the Town Room on North 3rd Street. He also stated that recently, he had been in the hospital for an ulcer operation.

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He stated that he had heard that up to about two years ago, JOHN RIZZO operated a crap game in Kenosha. He, however, denied having been in Kenosha or having participated in any such crap game.

6-14-63

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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On SA ALBERT G. MACDONALD
SA ALBERT G. KNICKREHM/cef

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He also stated that he had never been in touch with the Milwaukee Braves Baseball players, [REDACTED] and DON MC MAHON.

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He also stated that he had never been approached by anyone to make a payoff, and that he had never made any payoff in connection with anything. He furnished the following descriptive information:

Name:	JOE PISCIONE
DOB:	5-22-14
	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Hair:	Dark
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	170
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Brown. wears glasses

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As a final remark, he stated that he hoped the FBI found out who attempted to abduct COVELLI and also that it was determined who was responsible for the killing of BIERNAT.

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CHARLES PISCIUNE was interviewed at his home at 1517 North Van Buren Street. He stated that he did not know WILLIAM COVELLI, and he had not discussed his abduction with anyone and did not know any more about it than what had already appeared in the newspapers.

He also stated that he did not know TONY BIERNAT who was murdered in January, 1963 and he also stated that he had no information in regard to who may have been responsible for it.

He stated that he is a bartender, and that he was operator of the Lamp Post Tavern. He stated, however, the tavern was closed as a result of his arrest by the Internal Revenue Service and being charged with not having a gambling stamp.

He also stated that he did not think the FBI was responsible for the abduction of COVELLI and indicated that if he heard anything he would notify the FBI.

He also stated that he is now broke and helps [redacted] the Town Room on North 3rd Street. He stated that he still owes the Internal Revenue Service \$60 per month for withholding taxes and he does not know how to pay it. He also stated that as a result of his arrest, [redacted] and whether or not it will [redacted] he does not know.

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He also stated that there was no syndicate in Milwaukee. He stated that he did not think anyone was trying to muscle in in the juke box business. Also, he stated that he had juke boxes at the Lamp Post and stated he had never heard the owner make any remarks that someone was attempting to take over the juke box business. He furnished the following descriptive information:

DOB: 2-19-17
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 100

Brother: JOE PISCIONE [redacted]
Army Serial #: 36835610

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SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM /cef Date dictated 6-17-63

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Discharged:
Scar:

2-10-46
5 inch scar, right side of
stomach (gall bladder)

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Date June 25, 1963

[redacted] (Milwaukee), furnished the following information:

He does not know WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin and has never been in Kenosha. He never knew ANTHONY BERNAT and his knowledge of the BERNAT slaying January 7, 1963 and the abduction of COVELLI on June 6, 1963 is limited solely to what he has learned from news media. He said he could offer no thoughts as to who may have been responsible for the BERNAT or COVELLI crimes.

Regarding himself, [redacted] provided the following information:

He was born in the Italian community [redacted] in Milwaukee where the BALISTRIERI families were also reared. In this way he became acquainted with FRANK BALISTRIERI and FRANK's brothers, STEVE, PETE and BUSTER. He admitted one arrest for having placed basketball bets for several friends in Milwaukee for which he was arrested and fined \$25 and took the "rap", rather than expose his friends. Because of this he was contacted by representatives of IRS and had to buy a Federal Gambling Tax Stamp even though this past betting for which he was fined was the extent of his gambling activities which he has not pursued since. He denied operating lotteries or any other activities. He also denied particularly that he had ever engaged in such activities while in the employment of the American Motors Corporation, Milwaukee Plant.

He is employed as a sander at the American Motors plant, located on the south side of Milwaukee, where he receives a take-home pay of about \$100 per week under present hours of employment. In addition he has an income of approximately \$3,600 per year on rental property he owns [redacted]

He owns a late model blue Nash Rambler automobile. He recently purchased the home at his present address [redacted]

He claims that he spends his spare time at home [redacted] and has no association or contact with any hoodlum element.

On 6/19/63 at Glendale, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SAs CARLYLE N. REED & CHARLES F. AHERN /sbt Date dictated 6/21/63

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 25, 1963

JOSEPH SPERA, 3023 North Cramer Avenue, Milwaukee, furnished the following information:

He has resided in Milwaukee since his emigration from Italy in 1921 and has resided at his current address for the past four years. He is a naturalized citizen of the U.S. and is employed as a garbage collector by the City of Milwaukee Department of Sanitation. He has been so employed since 1945. In June, 1962, he purchased three phonograph machines (juke boxes) from "POPS" MANIACI, which he operates at the following locations in Milwaukee:

Sportsmen's Bar, 7th Street, Maniaci's Bar, East North Avenue, Bond's Bar, North Avenue. He said he derives an income of about \$12 per week per juke box and that he embarked on this venture to provide himself with a source of income to supplement his pension at such time as he retires from his present employment which will be in a minimum of four years hence.

SPERA claimed that he was not acquainted with ANTHONY BIERNAT and had never heard of him until he read the publicity about BIERNAT's death. He denied any familiarity with WILLIAM COVELLI and when reminded that COVELLI's name had appeared prominently in recent newspaper accounts as the result of his alleged abduction in Kenosha, SPERA said he had not read the local newspapers for over a week because he has been on vacation and spending his entire time working around his house. SPERA said he had no associates or contacts in Kenosha and had never visited Kenosha. He said he does not gamble and, therefore, is not familiar with gambling operations in Milwaukee or elsewhere. He acknowledged that he has been acquainted for many years with the BALISTRERI brothers, FRANK, PETE, BUSTER and other members of the same family by reason of having grown up in the same neighborhood with them. He claimed his contacts with them in recent years have been limited to chance meetings on the street and at weddings and funerals.

He said he has not been subjected to any pressures or demands for any fraction of the proceeds from his juke box business.

SPERA said his only record of arrest consists of incidents when he was a youth for "hanging around" after which he was released without further prosecutive action.

On 6/15/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SAs CARLYLE N. REED & CHARLES F. AHERN Date dictated 6/20/63
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The following description of JOSEPH SPERA was obtained during this interview:

RACE	White
SEX	Male
DOB	2/16/08
POB	Italy
HEIGHT	5'5½"
WEIGHT	170 lbs.
EYES	Hazel
HAIR	Black, graying on sides
SPEECH	Speaks English fluently, with noticeable Italian accent
SCARS & MARKS	Moles on both sides of nose
MARITAL STATUS	Married. [REDACTED]
RESIDENCE	[REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Date June 25, 1963

[redacted] Milwaukee, [redacted]
of Giuseppe's Wagon Wheel, 5353 North Port Washington Road,
Milwaukee, furnished the following information:

He, [redacted] a bar and restaurant known as Giuseppe's
Wagon Wheel.

He claimed that he does not know WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha,
Wisconsin, who was allegedly abducted on June 6, 1963. He
explained that he is not acquainted with the Italian "bunch" in
Kenosha, Wisconsin and only knew of COVELLI's abduction from
news accounts of that incident. He claimed he had no information
hearsay or otherwise which might be of assistance in identifying
the abductors of COVELLI or the slayers of ANTHONY BERNAT from
Kenosha, Wisconsin on January 7, 1963. He does know, however,
FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, an ex-convict, who has resided in the
West Allis, Wisconsin area.

[redacted] denied engaging in any gambling or other illegal operations.

[redacted] dwelled on the fact that he is [redacted] as a
result of going into his present place of business which was a
new type of operation for him since he had previously been a
[redacted]

The following description of FUCARINO was obtained from observation:

RACE	White
SEX	Male
AGE	43 to 45
HEIGHT	5'10"
WEIGHT	Approximately 275 lbs.
BUILD	Extremely Obese
EYES	Brown
COMPLEXION	Dark
HAIR	Black, very bald with fringe of of black with graying hair

On 6/14/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SAs CARLYLE N. REED & CHARLES F. AHERN Date dictated 6/20/63

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Date 6/13/63

MICHAEL JOSEPH ALBANO, 4144 North 17th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was contacted at his place of business, Angelo's Pizza House, 1600 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, and advised he has not been to Kenosha, Wisconsin in over a year. He stated he does not know WILLIAM COVELLI and has never met him in person. He has read newspaper accounts of the alleged abduction of COVELLI but has no information as to who could have been involved. He does not know anything about the abduction of COVELLI and only knows one person in Kenosha by the name of [redacted] North Shore General Merchandise Company, 1916 - 52nd Street.

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ALBANO advised he is currently employing the services of attorney DOMINIC FRINZI concerning a personal note judgment on file against him.

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ALBANO admits knowing [redacted] STEVE DI SALVO and FRANK BALISTRIERI. He stated that these men have been in his pizza house for pizza on various occasions and DI SALVO has stopped by the pizza house for carry out service.

ALBANO advised the interviewing agents that he would fully cooperate with the FBI and advise the office if he hears any information pertinent to the BERNAT murder or the COVELLI abduction.

On 6/11/63 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 162-49
by SA [redacted] :
SA [redacted] mg Date dictated 6/12/63

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please
Refer to File No.
162-49

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 12, 1963

Title	WILLIAM COVELLI
Character	INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES
Reference	Report of SA dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 162-49

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 12, 1963

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is a [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois.

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MI T-2 is an [redacted]

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MI T-3 is a [redacted]

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MI T-4 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area,

[redacted] and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-5 is a Milwaukee source of Italian-American origin [redacted] and who still remains in contact with this group.

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Date: 8/13/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM: *PA* SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: MILWAUKEE

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

No pertinent information has been received relating to the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI 6/7/63. PCIs and informants contacted reflect that there is no current discussion about alleged abduction of Subject.

On 8/2/63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that [] (MI file 166-37) is making a great many trips to Kenosha, Wis. to see his client COVELLI and seems to be a go-between for the Kenosha and Milwaukee outfit boys. Informant also stated that he knew nothing concerning the activities of WILLIAM COVELLI []

[] as informant was out of the Milwaukee area.

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Referral/Consult

Approved: *34*

Special Agent in Charge

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Date 8/19/63

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
 FROM *CA*: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)-P
 SUBJECT : WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
 IGA
 OO: Milwaukee

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

No pertinent information has been received relating to the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI on 6/7/63. PCI's and informants contacted reflect that there is no current discussion about the alleged abduction of subject.

On 8/16/63 PCI, advised that WILLIAM COVELLI is playing cards at Greco's Restaurant nightly and has his wife come and pick him up later in the evening since his alleged abduction in June, 1963. COVELLI is working his cigarette vending machine business on Monday and Tuesday and during the rest of the week he may make a few service calls, but during the past month or more has been playing golf and going to the race track.

Informant also advised that approximately 2 to 4 weeks ago, a phone call was received at Greco's Restaurant and someone friendly

Informant also stated that approximately 2 weeks ago WILLIAM COVELLI came into Greco's Restaurant early on a Saturday afternoon

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Special Agent in Charge

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and then did not return again until late Sunday afternoon wearing the same clothes and needing a shave. COVELLI made a comment to informant about his being filled in for someone over that weekend.

WILLIAM COVELLI is apparently hurting for money since he has given up the lucrative craps and poker games when he was associated with JOHN RIZZO on 56th Street, Kenosha. COVELLI's bookkeeper has also been around quite a lot lately but informant does not know the reason.

Informant advised that since subject had talked [redacted] about being offered a job in the Bahama Islands, he has made no further comments in regard to this offer. COVELLI has made a statement to the informant that he was not interested in the dealer's job or as a pit boss but was looking for a higher position so that he could sign checks and take a little cut himself from the people whose checks he cashed.

COVELLI made a pointed statement to informant that as far as he was concerned gambling in Kenosha was done and he placed all the blame on the Feds.

On 8/13/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWY that he has heard very little concerning COVELLI or RIZZO but he does know that they have not reopened their gambling in Kenosha.

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Date: 8/26/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
 FROM ~~OKS~~ SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)-P
 SUBJECT : WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
 IGA

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 8/19/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Referral/Consult

On 8/23/63 [redacted] PCI, advised that she was talking with subject on 8/21/63 at Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha and made a remark about, "Why aren't you going to Italy with the rest of the gang?" COVELLI stated that he had been invited by PEPI (MADRIGRANO) but had turned the offer down. COVELLI then commented to informant that he could not make the trip or spend any money now because the Internal Revenue had grabbed his books. He then stated that he would find himself in jail if he made the trip and spent money that may not have been accounted for on his books or personal income rates.

Informant advised that COVELLI has discontinued his cabaretting and is currently spending every evening at Greco's Restaurant playing cards. Prior to his going home from Greco's, COVELLI

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will call his wife and she will light up their personal residence and await subject's return home.

On 8/23/63 informant also was asked about what she knew concerning the call COVELLI made on the evening of 6/6/63 or the morning of 6/7/63 about his abduction and she stated that she was not working at Greco's that evening. She did state that LOUIS GRECO, proprietor of Greco's, had told her on the evening of 6/7/63 that COVELLI had called him from COVELLI's home and told him about the alleged abduction and then COVELLI had called JAMES SHELLOW, a Milwaukee attorney, and subsequently these individuals met at Greco's Restaurant. Informant did not know about any call COVELLI may have made to Chicago prior to his calling LOUIS GRECO or JAMES SHELLOW.

On 8/23/63 Detectives [redacted] Special Squad, Racine PD. advised that they had interviewed [redacted] by the name [redacted] who is working at the Corner House in Racine. She told them that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were weekly guests at the Corner House every Friday evening until a month and a half ago. Since then COVELLI and RIZZO have not been observed at the restaurant by the interviewed waitress.

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Date: 9/3/63

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To: Director, FBI (162-777)

From: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P

Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 8/26/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 8/30/63, Detective [redacted] Special Squad, Racine, Wisc., PD, advised that on 8/27/63 at 11:30 AM he had observed a white Dodge Dart station wagon, 1963 Wisconsin license E84-821, registered to Kenosha Vending Company (WILLIAM COVELLI) parked in the driveway at JOHN RIZZO's home, 1918 Emmertson Rd., Racine County, Racine, Wisc. Detective [redacted] stated that there was no other vehicles in the area and he saw no activity outside the RIZZO home.

Detective [redacted] also advised that he observed a Cadillac, gray over white, 1963 Wisconsin license L64-400 in Racine, Wisc., on Monday, 8/26/63. This car is registered to SAM FORGIANNI (phonetic), an alleged partner of Subject in the Alpha Realty Co., Kenosha, Wisc.

The Chicago Office by communication, 8/28/63, advised that numerous criminal intelligence informants who might have been in a position to furnish information concerning the alleged COVELLI abduction on 6/6/63 were interviewed during July and August, 1963, with negative results.

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On 8/28/63, SAs [] CARLYLE N. REED advised that in the course of checking area motels on Milwaukee file 91-1655 they came across the following names on registration cards at the Red Carpet Inn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

First card was WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 - 36th St., Kenosha, Wisc., representing Kenosha Vending Co. assigned Room 272, for \$17, check-in time was 8:53 PM on Sunday, 8/25/63; check-out time was on Monday, 8/26/63, number and party--2;

[] Kenosha, Wisc., Room 274, \$17, check-in time 8:53 PM on Sunday, 8/25/63, check-out time 8/26/63, number and party--two.

Upon receipt of the above information, [] on duty at that time, [] advised that the maid who services the above rooms made the comment that they must have had a party or women in due to the condition of the rooms. This maid stated that the rooms were in a terrible mess with everything strewn all over on the floor.

Spot checks conducted during the week of 8/26/63 to 30/63, disclosed COVELLI's station wagon parked at the Kenosha Vending Co., 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisc.

On 8/29/63, [] PCI, advised that on Friday night, 8/23/63, JEFF COVELLI, brother of Subject, had been talking to CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA at Greco's Restaurant, and JEFF stated that there was a five-man poker game in the vicinity of 63rd Street and 14th Ave. (This area is the subject of Mifile 166-28 captioned RALPH MASARO; ALFRED DE CESARO, ITAR--Gambling."

Informant was asked what she knew about Subject's being in Milwaukee on the weekend of 8/25-26/63, and she stated that Subject was out of town during that period, but she did not know where or for what purpose Subject had made a trip.

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

**REPORT**

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

September 18, 1963

YOUR FILE NO. 162-49
 FBI FILE NO. 162-777-65
 LATENT CASE NO. 44122

TO: SAC, Milwaukee

RE: **WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA**
IGA

REFERENCE: Letter 9/11/63
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Milwaukee
 SPECIMENS: One roadmap
 Numerous miscellaneous paper items
 Elimination fingerprints of William Covelli, Eleanor
 Virginia Covelli.

One latent fingerprint of value developed on one coin wrapper from Item #4. One latent fingerprint of value developed on one copy of "Music Location Contract" from Item #3. No other latent impressions of value developed.

Latent fingerprints identified as fingerprints

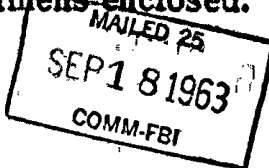
Fingerprint cards retained for entry in civil file.
 Remaining specimens enclosed.

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 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 DeLoach _____
 Evans _____
 Gale _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

SEP 23 1963

MAIL ROOM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 9-12-63/3:00pm

Reference No: 162-49

Received: 9-12-63/cbg

FBI File No: 162-777

Latent Case No: 44122

Answer to: SAC, MILWAUKEE

Examination requested by:

addressee

Copy to:

RE:

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA
IGA

Date of reference communication:

letter 9-11-63

Specimens:

1 Standard map of Wisconsin

Miscellaneous paper items

Elimination fingerprint card submitted of

WILLIAM COVELLI

ELEANOR VIRGINIA COVELLI

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Bell

Evidence noted by:

Specimens examined: 1 Coen wrapper from item #4,
+ 1 sheet of paper from item #6 to photo 9/13 uwb
1 lat fpt developed (ninhydrin) on one coen wrapper
from item #4. 1 lat fpt developed (ninhydrin) on
one copy of "Museum Location Contract" item #6. 9/16 uwb
(no additional latents developed with silver nitrate)
both prints & elim. [redacted] 9/16 uwb
2 fpt cards retained for P.I. file. Remaining
specimens enclosed

Examination completed:

Time

Date

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (162-777)

DATE: 9/11/63

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P ATTN LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee let to Bureau, 6/19/63, and Bulet to Milwaukee 6/26/63.

Enclosed herewith are the following listed items taken from a 1962 Dodge Dart station wagon, VIN 4522143887, Wisconsin 1963 license E84-821, belonging to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 - 36th Ave., Kenosha, Wisc., who claims to have been abducted on 6/6/63.

They are as follows:

- 1) Standard map of Wisconsin located on top of left front seat sun visor of WILLIAM COVELLI's 1962 Dodge Dart station wagon;
- 2) Two pieces of paper located on front seat of 1962 Dodge Dart station Wagon, VIN 4522143887, at residence of WM. COVELLI, 7827 - 36th Ave., Kenosha, Wisc.;
- 3) Piece of paper--"Howard Johnson" receipt on name of "Rizzo" found on front seat of 1962 Dodge Dart station wagon, VIN 4522143887, at WILLIAM COVELLI's residence;
- 4) Four paper items located on front seat of 1962 Dodge Dart station wagon, VIN 4522143887, at residence of WILLIAM COVELLI;
- 5) Moland Bros. memo paper & Valley Pool table post card found in glove compartment of 1962 Dodge Dart at residence of WILLIAM COVELLI;
- 6) Seeburg Music Location Contract papers in blank located in glove compartment of 1962 Dodge Dart station wagon, residence of WILLIAM COVELLI;

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7) Marfak Sales & Service Order receipt, 3/19/63,
for \$7.40 found in glove compartment of 1962 Dodge
Dark station wagon at residence of WILLIAM COVELLI.

It is requested that the enclosed items be processed for latent fingerprints. Upon completion of the examination, it is requested that the items submitted as listed above be returned to the Milwaukee Office.

Also enclosed for elimination purpose are fingerprints on cards of the following individuals:

WILLIAM COVELLI;
ELEANOR VIRGINIA COVELLI;



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These fingerprint cards may be retained by the Bureau as the named people expressed a desire to have their prints made part of the Bureau's personal files.

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Date: 9/18/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
 FROM: *PHH/KUC* SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
 IGA

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau 9/3/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

No pertinent information has been received relating to the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI on 6/7/63. PCIS and informants contacted reflect that there is no current discussion about alleged abduction of Subject.

On 8/30/63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had learned that BUSTER BALESTRERE will be on his way this weekend (8/31 and 9/1/63) from Kansas City and will meet with STEVE DE SALVO at the Arlington Race Track, Chicago, Ill. on Labor Day. He said that it is very possible that along with DE SALVO may be WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. Informant stated that he could not understand why BUSTER BALESTRERE is coming in but he is evidently going to meet with some of the boys at the race track. Informant said that BALESTRERE would not be coming all the way from Kansas City just to attend the races and there must be some sort of a meeting planned during the race.

On 9/6/63 PCI [] advised that WILLIAM COVELLI, accompanied [] would be in Chicago, Ill. over the weekend of 9/7 through 9/9/63 for a convention of the National Association of Automatic Vending

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Machine owners. She also stated that [] was real thick with Subject again. He is supposed to be assisting Subject [] in the delivery and service of cigarette vending machines for the Kenosha Vending Company. Informant also stated that WILLIAM COVELLI went to Racine, Wis. on 9/5/63 to wine and dine but informant did not know with whom COVELLI went to Racine or for what purpose. Informant also stated that COVELLI never mentions the name of JOHN RIZZO or anything about RIZZO's current activities.

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On 9/10/63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had questioned informant about WILLIAM COVELLI staying at the Red Carpet Motel near the Milwaukee airport in Milwaukee on the night of Sunday, August 25, 1963 with [] of Kenosha. Informant stated that he had not heard that COVELLI had stayed there and knew nothing about the purpose of this trip.

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On 9/13/63 WILLIAM COVELLI was observed by Bureau Agent driving his personally owned car south on Route 38 en route to Kenosha from Milwaukee. COVELLI was alone and nattily attired as if he had been on some sort of business venture.

On 9/13/63 PCI [] advised that Subject had been to a key club at Waukegan, Ill. on the night of 9/12/63. COVELLI told informant on 9/10/63 that he possibly would be opening a book of his own in the near future but COVELLI did not explain any details of his anticipated venture. COVELLI also was talking with informant on 9/12/63 after he had had a number of drinks and during this time he mentioned for the first time to informant his alleged kidnapping on 6/6/63. COVELLI told informant that it was a matter of principal not to talk about his alleged kidnapping. At this time informant did not know whether COVELLI knew anything about the identity of the men who are alleged to have abducted him on the above date. Informant also advised that she has heard that [] (Phonetic), "WEISER" COVELLI's [] was anticipating a forthcoming trip to Italy. Informant stated that she knew nothing about this trip or its purpose.

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Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 10/7/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/17 - 9/27/63
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY lmp b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCES

Report of SA at Milwaukee dated 8/12/63.
 Milwaukee airtels to Bureau 8/7, 13, 19, 26; 9/13, 18/63.
 Chicago letters to Milwaukee 7/10/63 and 8/28/63.
 Milwaukee letter to Bureau 9/11/63.
 Bureau letter to Milwaukee 9/18/63.
 Milwaukee airtel to Jacksonville 9/20/63.

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: Two copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report. Q

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: ③ - Bureau (162-777) (Encl. 2) 1 - USA, Milwaukee 2 - Chicago (162-277) 2 - Las Vegas 3 - Milwaukee (162-49) 1 - <i>10/21/63</i> <i>[Signature]</i>		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: monospace;">162 777 - 67</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: monospace;">8 OCT 9 1963</div>	REC-32
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LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will determine subscriber to telephone number DE 2-7600 and through logical sources determine whether this subscriber is associated with or, in fact, is a known gambler.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

At Las Vegas, Nevada:

Will conduct same investigation set out in Chicago lead for the following telephone numbers:



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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Hartland, Wisconsin:

Will determine subscriber to telephone number



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At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Remain in contact with developed sources of information.
2. Will continue to develop current activities and associations of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.

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3. Will attempt to determine if Subject has installed any illegal telephone equipment at Kenosha Vending Company, 2207-56th Street, Kenosha.
4. Will re-interview [] associate of Subject in Kenosha Vending Company.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will determine subscribers to the following telephone numbers and through logical sources determine whether these subscribers are associated with or, in fact, are known gamblers:



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2. Will remain in contact with [] concerning Subject's activities and associations with the Milwaukee hoodlum element.
3. Will remain in contact with other developed sources of information.
4. Will contact Wisconsin Telephone Company re their investigation of telephone calls to Las Vegas that are allegedly denied by listing.

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At Racine, Wisconsin:

Will determine subscriber to telephone number []

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is PCI [] as contacted by SAs []

MI T-2 is PCI [] as contacted by SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON.

MI T-3 is PCI [] as contacted by SA []

MI T-4 is PCI [] as contacted by SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM.

MI T-5 is [] as contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-6 is [] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as contacted by SA []

MI T-7 is [] as contacted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report is extended to include information from the Chicago Division which was not included in referenced report and other investigation conducted in the Milwaukee Division as referenced report pertained exclusively to the alleged abduction of Subject on June 6, 1963 at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

By communication dated August 28, 1963 the Chicago Division advised that the following criminal intelligence informants, who might have been in a position to furnish information concerning the COVELLI abduction, were interviewed during July and August, 1963 with negative results:

By SA JOSEPH G. SHEA
By SA DENNIS SHANAHAN
By SA AUGUST KEMPF
By SA []

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It is noted that top hoodlums [redacted] GUS ALEX, PHIL ALDERISIO, [redacted] were interviewed concerning the abduction of ANTHONY BIERNAT and refused to furnish any information of value to the above investigation. All above hoodlums are currently under investigation by the Chicago Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: October 7, 1963

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 162-49

Bureau File #: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Latent fingerprints from miscellaneous paper items found in COVELLI's car identified as those [REDACTED] who has used auto in the past. Informants state that there is no talk about the alleged abduction of Subject on June 6, 1963 at Kenosha. Subject not involved in the alleged theft of cigarette vending machines from Dependable Vending Service, Downers Grove, Illinois. Telephone toll call data set out. COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have not resumed their crap game in Kenosha and Subject continues association with area hoodlum element.

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DETAILS:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On June 20, 1963 [REDACTED]
of Freddie's Bar, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised that he was
going to go into the cigarette vending machine business with
[REDACTED] Kenosha, Wisconsin, but he recently decided
not to enter this venture [REDACTED] because [REDACTED]
has been drinking to excess and is irresponsible.

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[REDACTED] stated that neither NICK COVELLI, proprietor,
Gino's Tap, 58th Street, Kenosha, or WILLIAM COVELLI, a
partner in the Kenosha Vending Company, Kenosha, Wisconsin,
were involved in the proposed vending machine business and
neither of these men have had anything to do with the
repairing or refinishing of any vending machines that he
has owned.

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[REDACTED] stated that he had purchased Eastern Mark II vending
machines for cigarettes from Atlas Music Company, Chicago,
Illinois. He produced buyers invoice number 7494 showing
American Music Company, Kenosha, Wisconsin, as the consignee.
He also produced a file receipt number 00683 from Atlas
Music Company, Chicago, Illinois dated May 4, 1963 in the
amount of \$240 marked cash in full for payment of four
Eastern Mark II cigarette vending machines.

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[REDACTED] advised that two of these machines are in operation
at the present and two are in storage.

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Date July 9, 1963

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[redacted] Executive Auto Leasing, 6501 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Executive Auto Leasing took over the lease contracts of the Mutual Auto Leasing Company, 3150 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, operated by Public Pontiac, Incorporated, on May 1, 1962, when they purchased the Mutual Auto Leasing Company.

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[redacted] advised that in taking over these automobile leases they took over a number of contracts of the Building Service Employees International Union, and that among the cars leased to that union a car was leased for the use of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, home address [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The automobile leased for the use [redacted] was a 1962 Chevrolet two-door, hard top, Impala, Serial #21847J200124, and is Executive Auto Leasing #645. This car is white in color and was leased to the Building Service Employees International Union from September 28, 1962 to September 28, 1964 at \$120.00 a month for the 24 month contract. The car leased [redacted] bore 1962 Illinois License Number ML 9337, until July 30, 1962, when [redacted] reported license plate stolen.

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The following cars are cars which were also leased by Mutual Auto Leasing Company, 3150 Ogden Avenue, Chicago, the contracts taken over by Executive Auto Leasing, 6501 North Western Avenue, Chicago, on May 1, 1962, and leased to the Building Service Employees Union, which cars may or may not have been available for the use of JAMES SHELLLOW:

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] Illinois
Car and No.	1963 Oldsmobile 88, Executive Car Lease #3292
Serial No.	635M03441
Ill. 1962	License #FC 2294
Ill. 1963	License 869-016
Contract date	November 1, 1962, to November 1, 1964.

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On 6/26/63 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 162-277

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SAs FRANCIS M. HENWOOD AND
by [redacted] /ptc/lmp Date dictated 7/3/63

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Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] Illinois
Car and No. White Impala 4-door hard top, Executive Car
Leasing Number 643, 1962 year.
Serial No. 21739J165933
Ill. 1962 License GJ3813
Ill. 1963 License 148097
Contract date May 1, 1962 to February 28, 1964.

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Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Car and No. White two-door hard top Impala, 1962
Serial No. 2174J199744
Ill. 1962 License HJ 4353
Ill. 1963 License HJ 4353
Contract date May 1, 1962 to February 28, 1964.

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Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois
Car and No. Executive Car Lease #650, 1962 4-door hard top
Impala, white.
Serial No. 21739J172466
Ill. 1962 License 148098
Contract date May 1, 1962 to March 2, 1964

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Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] Illinois
Car and No. Executive Car Lease #651, a white Oldsmobile 98
Serial No. 628M10375
Ill. 1962 License ML 9519
Ill. 1963 License 148-766

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Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois
Car and No. Executive Car Lease #662, white 1962 Impala
4-door hard top
Serial No. 21739J206782
Ill. 1962 License 917-687
Ill. 1963 License 148-106
Contract date May 6, 1962 to March 15, 1964.

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Name

[redacted] Building Service
Employees International Union, Local #4
[redacted] Illinois

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Address

Car and No.

Serial No.

Ill. 1962

Ill. 1963

Contract date

1962 Oldsmobile 98, delux sedan

638M05521

License 96-153

License 869-017

November 1, 1962, to February 1, 1963

[redacted] said that Executive Auto Leasing had not rented any cars on a daily or weekly basis from June 1, 1963 to June 10, 1963, and that all their leasing was on a fifteen month or twenty-four month basis with the exception of some cars on a yearly basis. [redacted] said that no cars had been leased to his union [redacted] other than the ones mentioned above during the period June 1 to June 10, 1963.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [] at Sterling, Illinois:

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On June 17, 1963, the Sterling, Illinois City Directory reflects that telephone number [] is listed to [] Illinois. The City Directory further reflects [] as a distributor of vending machines, automatic ice machines, refrigerators, upright freezers, hot dog and barbecue machines, and beer display coolers.

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On June 17, 1963, [] Sterling, Illinois Police Department, advised that [] is known to him personally as a distributor of vending machines in the Sterling, Illinois area, and to his knowledge a legitimate businessman. [] advised that [] has no arrest record with the police department and he knows of no gambling or hoodlum connection by []

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On June 17, 1963, records of the Whiteside County Credit Bureau, Sterling, Illinois, as reviewed by SA [] reflected that [] residence address [] Illinois, has been self-employed as a distributor of vending machines since October, 1959. This file reflected former employment by [] with the Northwestern Wire and Steel Company, having been "laid off" in August, 1958, due to a physical disability. The file further reflected several collections in file with a not too satisfactory credit record.

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[redacted] the Dependable Vending Service, 2351 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois, furnished the following information:

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His company distributes on a rental basis various types of vending machines to approximately 300 outlets in the State of Illinois. His company personally services and checks these machines sporadically and, at the present time, no loss of these machines have been reported to his office. No single outlet handles more than two machines at one time and he has no outlet with as many as five.

The Eastern Electric Company, formerly of Medford, Massachusetts, did manufacture a cigarette vending machine, model CM-57-MK2-22, which company was purchased by the "Seeburg Company" several years ago. The above model vending machine was introduced in 1957 by Eastern Electric; however, it is now considered to be "obsolete" in the vending trade as the more recent machines can accommodate many more brands of cigarettes. His company "trades in" the above type machine whenever possible, primarily, to the Atlas Music Company, 2122 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who apparently has some use for the machines. The recording of serial numbers on various machines in their respective outlets or on the machines traded or sold is not rigidly followed; therefore, he could not locate records pertaining to any sale or trade of these machines. If a particular machine has the name of Dependable Vendors Company, Downers Grove, Illinois, attached to it by label, the machine apparently at one time was owned by the Dependable Vending Service; however, it would be impossible to determine the circumstances of the machine leaving their possession. He added that they have no outlets outside of Illinois, and no records indicating that Vending machine model CM-57-MK2-22, serial number 13555, was ever owned by his company.

On 6/24/63 at Downers Grove, Illinois File # CG 162-277
by SA [redacted] /dcc/lmp Date dictated 6/25/63

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By communication dated September 18, 1963, the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division advised that numerous miscellaneous paper items submitted in this case were treated for latent fingerprints and were compared with elimination fingerprints of WILLIAM COVELLI, ELEANOR VIRGINIA COVELLI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These individuals had access to the automobile from which WILLIAM COVELLI stated he had been abducted.

The Latent Fingerprint Section reported that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on one coin wrapper from Item No. 4, one latent fingerprint of value was developed on one copy of "Music Location Contract" from Item No. 6. There were no other latent impressions of value developed. The Latent Fingerprint Section reported that these two latent prints were identified as fingerprints of [REDACTED]

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Date September 18, 1963

[redacted]
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of a subpoena duces tecum issued [redacted]

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On 9/6/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SE [redacted] /lmp Date dictated 9/12/63

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On August 1, 1963 MI T-2 advised that he had recently learned (but did not disclose his source) that WILLIAM COVELLI called someone in Chicago before calling his attorney [redacted] after his alleged abduction on the night of June 6, 1963. MI T-2 said that COVELLI got clearance from someone in Chicago to call [redacted] and that this party allegedly said that [redacted] was okay and it would be all right to consult with him in the matter.

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On August 26, 1963 MI T-4 advised that in regard to gambling on the part of "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, it is possible that they may be operating a book in Kenosha but that if they are he has no knowledge of it. MI T-4 also advised that in regard to the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT he stated that he had heard several days ago from a person in Racine, Wisconsin, who has connections in Kenosha, Wisconsin, that BIERNAT was in need of money and that he borrowed money on a ratio of 5 or 6 in order to purchase more jukeboxes. BIERNAT reportedly refused to pay this debt and someone was sent to beat him up, but that the situation got out of hand and he was killed.

On August 30, 1963 MI T-5 advised that he had just learned that BUSTER BALESTRERE would be on his way that weekend from Kansas City and will meet STEVE DE SALVO at the Arlington Race Track at Chicago, Illinois on Labor Day.

MI T-5 also stated that it is quite possible that along with DE SALVO will be WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. He stated that he could not understand why BUSTER is coming in but he is evidently going to meet with some of the boys at the race track. MI T-5 also stated that BUSTER would not be coming all the way from Kansas City just to attend the races and there must be some sort of a meeting planned at the race track.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

On August 30, 1963 Detective [redacted] Special Squad, Racine Police Department, advised that on August 27, 1963 at 11:30 a.m. he had observed a white Dodge Dart Station Wagon

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1963 Wisconsin license E84-821, which is registered to the Kenosha Vending Company (WILLIAM COVELLI) parked in the driveway at JOHN RIZZO's home, 1918 Emmertson Road, Racine County, Racine, Wisconsin. Detective [] stated that there were no other vehicles in the area and he saw no activity outside the RIZZO home.

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Detective [] also advised that he observed a Cadillac, gray over white, 1963 Wisconsin license L64-400 in Racine, Wisconsin on Monday, August 26, 1963. This car is registered to SAM FORGIANNI (phonetic), an alleged partner of WILLIAM COVELLI in the Alpha Realty Co., Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On August 21, 1963 MI T-6 advised that Subject had reported to the Internal Revenue Office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 19, 1963 but he did not bring his records or books from the Kenosha Vending Company. COVELLI allegedly had a scrap of paper which contained the Fifth Amendment and this was read to the interviewing agents. COVELLI gave his name and address. COVELLI also refused to make any further statements and has not furnished any further information regarding his personal affairs or the Kenosha vending business.

On August 13, 1963 MI T-5 advised that he has heard very little concerning COVELLI or RIZZO but he does know that they have not reopened any form of gambling operation in Kenosha.

On September 10, 1963 MI T-5 advised that he had not heard that COVELLI, accompanied [] all of Kenosha, had stayed with WILLIAM COVELLI at the Red Carpet Inn near General Mitchell Air Field, Milwaukee, on the night of Sunday, August 25. MI T-5 advised that he knew nothing about the purpose of this trip.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On September 20, 1963 night supervisor and also Criminal Deputy [] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office,

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advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that [redacted] and [redacted] are both avid horse betting gamblers. It is a personal belief of Deputy [redacted] that these two men were the ones overseen by the Kenosha Police Department [redacted] and that a "card file" would probably be a history kept on various horses as part of their "scheme" to have a system for good horse betting which many horse betters keep up as a way to beat the track. Deputy [redacted] also advised that [redacted]

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On September 17, 1963 Chief of Police LEO BUCHMANN advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that two men from his Morals Squad on the night of September 16, 1963 were conducting a spotcheck [redacted] and they observed two unknown men sitting at a table in the dining room and sorting out what appeared to be racing forms (possibly 100 or more). These men also had several cards and were comparing something on the cards with the forms and then would slip the cards and forms together. The Detectives could not hear what was being said by these unidentified men. The Detectives observed the following cars parked in the driveway [redacted] bearing the following license numbers:

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On July 26, 1963 MI T-1 advised that the Federal Grand Jury appearance [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which [redacted]

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[redacted] met with AL ALBANA at Greco's Restaurant [redacted] remarked that he had been with the "group" from Milwaukee. Shortly thereafter ALBANA [redacted] had a private conversation and went next door to the premises of the Kenosha Vending Company where [redacted] and ALBANA stayed for some time. MI T-1 also stated that WILLIAM COVELLI had been to an unknown address in Buffalo, New York recently for the purpose of attending the funeral of his uncle, FRED COVELLI, who was a brother of his father, "RED" COVELLI.

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On August 2, 1963 MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were not contemplating leaving the country for any purpose, business or pleasure.

On August 3, 1963 MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI had been offered a job in Las Vegas, Nevada but that the job offer was of no particular interest to him. COVELLI further stated that he had an offer to go to the Bahamas which offer he was interested in inasmuch as organized gambling was just getting a start in the Bahamas. COVELLI also made a statement that gambling in Kenosha, Wisconsin was all washed up, and he indicated that he could get rid of his business without too much difficulty if he started to take up the offer to leave the area for a gambling job.

On August 16, 1963 MI T-1 advised that he had never observed [redacted] in the company of WILLIAM COVELLI or JOHN RIZZO at Greco's Restaurant. MI T-1 stated that [redacted] may have attended the craps and poker games held jointly by COVELLI and RIZZO but several of the participants in this gambling game made it a point of not letting anyone see them in the area. MI T-1 also stated that WILLIAM COVELLI plays pinochle at Greco's Restaurant almost nightly and upon completion of his gambling or card playing will call his wife and have her come and pick him up at the restaurant. This arrangement has been going on since COVELLI's alleged abduction in June, 1963. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI is working his cigarette vending machine business on Monday and Tuesday of each week and plays golf the rest of the week if he does not go to the race track in Illinois. MI T-1

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also advised that approximately four to six weeks ago a phone call was received at Greco's Restaurant and someone friendly with the West Side Gang was complaining about a fight at his place of business. As a result, [redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI, JEFF COVELLI, [redacted] all went to a place called Ann's Cozy Corner on Highway 31 outside of the City of Kenosha. MI T-1 stated that [redacted] one of the West Side Gang, had a financial interest in this place and the call was made to help protect that interest. MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI is apparently hurting for money since he has given up the local craps and poker games on 56th Street. COVELLI's bookkeeper has been around a lot lately but he has been unable to ascertain just what has been going on between the bookkeeper and COVELLI. MI T-1 advised that a couple of weeks ago WILLIAM COVELLI came into Greco's Restaurant early on a Saturday afternoon and then returned again late on the following Sunday evening wearing the same clothes and needing a shave. COVELLI made some comment to the effect that he had been filling in for someone at a gambling game over the weekend.

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MI T-1 also advised that WILLIAM COVELLI was also very enthusiastic about his being approached to work a gambling job recently. COVELLI advised that there were dealers, pit bosses, and others, but he wanted a higher position so that he could sign checks and take a little cut himself from the persons whose checks he cashed. COVELLI made a pointed statement that as far as he was concerned gambling in Kenosha was finished and he placed the blame on the Feds.

On August 16, 1963 MI T-3 advised that the Milwaukee associates of COVELLI who operate and hang out at Fazio's Restaurant on Fifth in Milwaukee are more than interested in the activities that develop in Kenosha. MI T-3 did not know specifically of this keen interest but thought it dealt with the possibility that the Milwaukee hoodlum element still maintains the upper hand in illegal activities in Kenosha.

On August 23, 1963 MI T-1 advised that he knew nothing about the events that occurred on the evening of June 6, 1963 and the morning of June 7, 1963 concerning the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI and he advised that he was not

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working that evening but had talked with LOUIE GRECO, proprietor of Greco's Restaurant, the following evening. GRECO stated that "WEISER" COVELLI had called him at the restaurant from his home and had told him about what had happened. GRECO apparently advised COVELLI to call [redacted] the Milwaukee attorney, and the FBI. COVELLI then drove to the restaurant and they met with COVELLI's attorney and they had a short talk prior to being with FBI officers. MI T-1 does not know anything about alleged call or calls that COVELLI may have made prior to calling LOUIE GRECO.

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On August 29, 1963 MI T-1 advised that he knew nothing about a crap game allegedly held on August 27 or 28, 1963 in the vicinity of the Kenosha Vending Company on 56th Street and 22nd Avenue. MI T-1 stated that he has not observed any strange cars in the area around Greco's Restaurant or any unusual congregation of men inside the restaurant. MI T-1 advised that over the years he has become well acquainted with the cars and usual patrons of Greco's Restaurant, and he has not noticed any unusual activity in the area of Greco's Restaurant. MI T-1 advised that he has not heard anything about any football pool cards being distributed by WILLIAM COVELLI in the Kenosha area at this time. MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO has not been in Kenosha during the past week or, in fact, for the past several months. He stated that some of the fellows who frequent Greco's Restaurant have talked about seeing RIZZO at the track in Illinois but they have not commented about his being with anyone in particular.

On September 6, 1963 MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI, accompanied [redacted] would be in Chicago, Illinois over the weekend of September 7 through September 9, 1963 for a national convention of Automatic Vending Machine Operators. MI T-1 advised that [redacted] was real thick with WILLIAM COVELLI again and is assisting COVELLI [redacted] in the delivery and servicing of cigarette vending machines for the Kenosha Vending Company. MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI travelled to Racine, Wisconsin on September 5, 1963 for some night clubbing but he did not know if COVELLI went to Racine to visit with JOHN RIZZO. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI never mentions the name of JOHN RIZZO or anything about RIZZO's current activities.

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AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

On August 23, 1963 Detectives [redacted] Special Squad, Racine Police Department, advised that they had recently interviewed [redacted] by the name [redacted] who was working at the Corner House in Racine. She told them that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were weekly guests at the [redacted] until approximately a month and a half ago. Since that time COVELLI and RIZZO have not been observed at the restaurant by this [redacted]

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On September 14 and 27, 1963 MI T-7 advised that the story regarding CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA [redacted] as having been associated together in gambling at the premises next door to Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street and 22nd Avenue (current business address, Kenosha Vending Company) was to that extent correct but that the pickup of hoods occurred in 1946 or 1947 and it was "COOKIE" SCOLA who was ordered into a car and driven around Kenosha County and told to dispose of his interests in that particular gambling site. SCOLA was scared but there was no guns used and he plainly and simply knew what the "score" was. [redacted] at the time did not particularly want to sell out but since SCOLA wanted to it was done. There was no visible force then and there is none now when "the organization" decides to take over a site. Picking up SCOLA and driving him around was sufficient for everyone to get the picture. The family of either was not bothered and this is not the way of the organization and any store to the contrary is exaggerated and distorted. BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO not long after this took over the site and retained it until it closed in February, 1963, as a result of ANTHONY BIERNAT's body being found which was not expected and not desired. MI T-7 also advised on Thursday, September 26, 1963, that COVELLI, RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRERI were seen together eating dinner on return from Chicago, Illinois at the Char-Col House on Highway 131 and Belvedere Road west of Waukegan, Illinois.

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Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

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Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

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October 7, 1963

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WILLIAM COVELLI
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The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is a Kenosha source who, through business contacts, is aware of the Italian-American element and their current illegal activities.

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee source who [redacted] is aware of their current illegal activities.

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MI T-3 is a Kenosha source who [redacted] is well acquainted with elements of the Italian-American element.

MI T-4 is a Milwaukee bookie who is acquainted with gambling activity and sometimes has knowledge of hoodlum activities in Milwaukee.

MI T-5 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gambling and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-6 is an employee of [redacted]

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MI T-7 is a Kenosha source who [redacted] maintains an association with this group.

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SAC, Milwaukee (162-49)

10/10/63

Director, FBI (162-777)

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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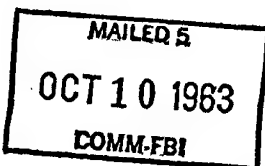
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MI T-6 is identified as an [redacted]
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concerning the identity [redacted] prior to this
report being disseminated. Score appropriate error.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

DATE: 10-15-63

FROM : *D/H/K* SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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Re report of SA [redacted] dated
10-7-63 at Milwaukee.
Bureau letter to Milwaukee dated 10-10-63.

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of informant's page concealing the identity of

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 11/27/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/23 - 11/18/63
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY ah
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

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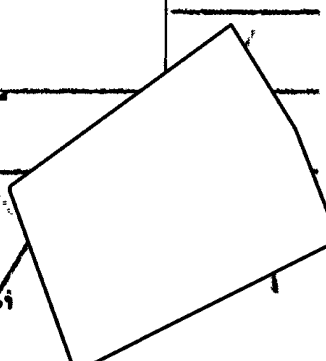
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Two copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report

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subscribers are associated with or, in fact, are known gamblers.

At Highland Park, Illinois

Will conduct same investigation as set out for Chicago, Illinois, b6
for telephone number [REDACTED] b7C

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will remain in contact with developed sources of information.
2. Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of laws of the United States.
3. Will locate and interview [REDACTED] former associate of Subject in Kenosha Vending Co. and current representative of Subject and [REDACTED] a new liquor license venture in Kenosha. b6 b7C

At Madison, Wisconsin

Will determine subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED] and through logical sources determine whether this subscriber is associated with, or, in fact, a known gambler. b6 b7C

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will contact the S.L. London Music Co., Inc., 3130 West Lisbon Avenue and determine extent of Subject's jukebox record purchases.
2. Will determine subscribers to telephone numbers HU 1-8000 and HI 5-9340.
3. Will conduct credit and criminal check on [REDACTED] and determine if connected or associated with the Milwaukee gambling element. b6 b7C
4. Will remain in contact with developed sources of information.
5. Will conduct credit and criminal on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b6 b7C

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At Racine, Wisconsin

Will determine subscribers to telephone numbers [] and []

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is PCI [] as contacted by SA []

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MI T-2 is [] as contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Investigative Period of this report is extended to include information of the Jacksonville Division, which was not included in referenced report.

On 10/30/63, WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin, was contacted by SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON to determine whether he had been in touch with WALTER BROCCA of Milwaukee, who has apparently been doing some work for FRANK BALISTRERI. It appears, from conversations overheard by [] that BROCCA was to do something - possibly find locations for jukeboxes. The informant also thought that Kenosha was mentioned. It was considered desirable to know whether BROCCA was trying to find locations for some of COVELLI's equipment. *WI 2 b7D*

COVELLI said that he had not seen BROCCA. He also stated that he only had three or four jukeboxes, a couple of pool tables, and a broken pinball machine, aside from his regular vending business. He took the interviewing agents to his premises next to GRECO's restaurant, where he pointed out his vending machines, which were in one location, as well as one jukebox. He denied that he had heard any information about anyone moving into the jukebox or coin machine business in the Kenosha area.

COVELLI said that he was somewhat upset and dissatisfied with his present situation in Kenosha, indicating that he had experienced considerable tension since the BIERNAT murder. He said he was considering selling out his vending machine business. He said, however, that he could not advertise it for sale as this would cause other vendors to steal his customers. He said he would have to find a buyer quietly. He did not say what kind of business he would go into if he were successful in selling out.

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On 10/23/63, [] advised SA [] the subscribers to the following telephone numbers located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

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BR 1-4773, listed to HENRY SHELOW and Associates,
1012 North 3rd Street, Room 522

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[] Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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DI 2-3381, listed to LORINCZI and WEISS, 1212 West
Wisconsin Avenue, 4th floor

DI 4-3220, listed to the S.L. London Music Co., Inc.,
3130 West Lisbon Avenue

[]

[] also provided the listings for Racine, Wisconsin telephone number 634-9846, which is listed to Washington Park Golf Links, 2801 12th Street and also for Hartland, Wisconsin number FO 7-6415, which is listed to EUGENE COVELLI and is listed as having been disconnected on 8/25/63.

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On 10/9/63, PCI [] advised SA JOHN F. RUSSELL, Jr. that she is well acquainted []

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[] advised that she had seen [] once or twice since [] was released from jail in June, 1963. She believes [] is in Kenosha, Wis. [] who may be operating

[] described both [] as prostitutes and lesbians. She stated [] has been involved in fencing activities and has been acting [] in prostitution activities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: November 27, 1963

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Telephone toll call data set out. COVELLI booking in Kenosha, but not running a crap or poker game. Associates of Subject's paramour not known to be involved in gambling. Informant advised that there is no talk about the alleged abduction of Subject on 6/6/63, at Kenosha. Subject considering selling his vending machine business.

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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

The Illinois Bell Telephone Company (IBT) Public Information Service advised SA [REDACTED] on October 17, 1963 that the subscriber to Chicago telephone number DE 2-7600 was Transworld Airlines Reservations Office at 37 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois.

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On October 21, 1963, [REDACTED] Transworld Airlines Office, 37 South Wabash, advised that his firm keeps no record of incoming telephone calls and it would be impossible to ascertain if such a call as set out above was received on July 20, 1963. He stated flight records could be checked for a particular day to ascertain if anyone by the name of COVELLI took a flight, but that it would be an extensive job, necessitating many hours of search if a specific day is not known.

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At Jacksonville, Florida

On September 23, 1963, [redacted], Florida Motor Vehicle Commission, Tallahassee, Florida, furnished a record to IC [redacted] reflecting 1963 Florida license [redacted] was issued for a 1953 Ford, two-door, motor number B3LG100069, in the name [redacted] Tampa, Florida, under title application number [redacted] dated February 22, 1962. The application reflected residence address [redacted] Tampa, Florida. This vehicle was purchased [redacted] during February, 1961 from the Motor Age Car Co., Los Angeles, California. The vehicle was previously registered in the State of California and there were no stolen reports listed.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On October 11, 1963, MI T-1 advised that [redacted] has recently been observed in the company of three men whom he knows only [redacted] MI T-1 thought that one man had the last name [redacted] One of these men has a Buick Riviera, which is described as resembling the type of car [redacted] [redacted] is currently operating; and one of the other men has a white Cadillac with the door on the driver's side slightly dented. All of these men have been drinking recently at LaStrada's (operated by relatives [redacted]). MI T-1 stated that approximately a week or so ago these men were in the company of [redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI. COVELLI paid for steak dinners for the entire group. MI T-1 stated that these men had been present for the past two or three weeks for no apparent reason and he does not know what they do for a living. MI T-1 stated that they are all well-dressed and are all good spenders.

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MI T-1 advised that the current Senate inquiry into the Cosa Nostra and the JOSEPH VALACHI testimony has the entire West Side element more than curious. MI T-1 stated that this group thinks that something will come out of this testimony concerning "RED" COVELLI, the father of WILLIAM and JEFF COVELLI, who was murdered in Kenosha back in the early 1940's. The matter of "RED" COVELLI also brought up another fact that MI T-1 overheard one night at Greco's Restaurant.

A few years ago, a man and woman, alleged to be from out of state, possibly California, came into Greco's Restaurant. The woman was loud and as she walked in she said, "Well, LOUIE

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GRECO, don't you remember me. I helped to scrub blood out of your car the night before RED COVELLI was murdered."

MI T-1 stated that LOUIS GRECO was very distressed by the presence of this woman and pretended not to know her or her male companion. MI T-1 advised that this is not LOUIE GRECO's nature. He may forget a man's name, but MI T-1 advised he will never forget a face.

MI T-1 also stated that the woman who created this disturbance was a waitress at the old Club 42 at Kenosha, but MI T-1 was unable to recall this waitress's name.

MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI has been a nightly visitor at Greco's Restaurant during the past week and has been playing cards with AL ALBANA and LOUIE GRECO, with the occasional presence of CARL "COOKIE" SCOLA.

On November 18, 1963, MI T-1 advised that he had overheard WILLIAM COVELLI and Captain DOMINIC MATTIOLI of the Kenosha Police Department talking at Greco's Restaurant and COVELLI stated that he thought the current John Doe proceedings in Kenosha were a face-washing job and that the reason they were instituted was so that they could call 25 or more home gamblers in an attempt to gain information on the larger gambling activity. In answer to this, Captain MATTIOLI stated that JOE MOLINARO, Kenosha District Attorney, has charge of the John Doe proceedings and "JOE would not do anything to us."

MI T-1 advised that there is no talk about WILLIAM COVELLI's alleged abduction on June 6, 1963 and that COVELLI continues to call his wife prior to his coming home so that she may turn on the yard lights at the house and will expect his arrival shortly thereafter.

MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI [redacted] have invested money in a bar on 22nd Avenue, formerly called the Tropic Club and that [redacted] a former employee of the Kenosha Vending Co., is running this bar. MI T-1 advised that the name of this bar has been changed from the Tropic Club to Mr. G's.

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MI T-1 advised that for the past two or three weeks, WILLIAM COVELLI has been seeing [redacted] (phonetic), his uncle, who runs a restaurant at Waukegan, Illinois. MI T-1 advised that [redacted] also has a restaurant by the name [redacted]

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[redacted] on 34th Street in Kenosha. MI T-1 advised that [redacted] COVELLI are seeing each other two or three times a week at Greco's Restaurant in the evenings and for the past two Monday nights, COVELLI has been over to Mary's Park View Restaurant to meet [redacted]. MI T-1 advised that he did not know the significance of this sudden association of COVELLI [redacted]. MI T-1 stated that they have never been real close and he has not seen [redacted] in the Kenosha area since two or three years ago.

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MI T-1 advised that he did not know if COVELLI was actually betting on horses or conducting a horse book operation; but, at one time, COVELLI had made a statement to him that if he or his friends wanted to place a bet he should give his business to COVELLI.

MI T-1 also advised that COVELLI is handling football pool tickets and on the week end while he is playing cards at Greco's, he will drop his cards when he hears football scores so that he may write the results of these games down. MI T-1 also advised that he had two football parlay cards for the past week but that they were torn up and not available.

At Las Vegas, Nevada

Current telephone and crisscross directories reflect the following listings for indicated Las Vegas telephone numbers:

735-9111 - Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada;
382 - 1600 - Horseshoe Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas,
Nevada

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On October 22, 1963, IC [redacted] determined from a review of records of the Las Vegas Police Department that FRANK C. FALBA, residing at 1725 Howard Avenue, Las Vegas Police Department number A-6119, is a 1% owner of the Horseshoe Hotel and Casino. This ownership of 1% was approved by the State Gaming Control Board on September 20, 1960. FALBA has resided in Las Vegas since 1950, formerly was employed by the Golden Nugget Casino as a dealer, by the Silver Palace Club as a floorman and is currently employed at the Horseshoe Hotel and Casino as a floorman. He is described as a white male, born April 1, 1916 at Pueblo, Colorado, is 5'10½", 192 pounds, has blond, thinning hair, green eyes, fair complexion, husky build, and was married. His mother, [redacted]

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FRANCES C. FALBA, resides 5017 19th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. FALBA resided at this address from 1921 to 1938. He has also resided in Hollywood, California, Washington, D.C., Atlantic City, New Jersey, and New York City, New York. He indicated previous employment at the following locations where gambling was present:

Muzzy's - Kenosha, Wisconsin, 1936 to 1938;

Plantation Club, Hallandale, Florida, 1938 to 1939;

Farm Club, Hallandale, Florida, 1940;

Fontaines, Hlathsville, Maryland, 1938 to 1940

Additional employments were indicated as:

Sunny Isles, Miami Beach, Florida, 1940 - 1941;

Riviera, Fort Lee, New Jersey, 1941 - 1942;

Bath and Turk Club, Atlantic City, New Jersey,
1941 - 1942;

Colonial Inn, Hallandale, Florida, 1946 - 1947;

Boheme Club, Hallandale, Florida, 1948 - 1949;

Thunderbird Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1950 - 1958;

Horseshoe Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1958 - 1960

October 30, 1963

Records of the [redacted]
Las Vegas, Nevada, contain the following information relative
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The above information may not be made public except
on the proper issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to
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[redacted] South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

On 10/18/63 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # Las Vegas 162-134

by IC [redacted] RDL/nph Date dictated 10/24/63

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On October 22, 1963, MI T-2 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI is not known to have visited the Milwaukee area or to have been in contact with any members of the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

On October 7, 1963, MI T-2 advised that he has no information on WILLIAM COVELLI or others in Kenosha who are handling football pool tickets out of Illinois at the present time. He stated, however, that if pool tickets are being brought into Kenosha from Illinois, it is very possible that some runner is bringing them in [redacted] He stated that he himself has had very little contact with the Kenosha area in the past few months. b6
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On November 5, 1963, MI T-2 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO had attended a stag party [redacted] at Fazio's on 5th on the night of November 4, 1963, which was given since [redacted] is being married in the near future. MI T-2 stated that RIZZO and COVELLI advised him that they are booking but are not running any crap or poker games. He said that they did not mention where they were booking, but he assumes RIZZO is booking in Racine and COVELLI is booking in Kenosha. MI T-2 advised that this was strictly a stag party and no outfit business was discussed openly. b6
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On October 16, 1963, Detective [redacted] assigned to the Special Squad, Racine Police Department, advised that WILLIAM COVELLI may have gone to the Bahama Islands during the week of September 23 to September 28, 1963, at which time COVELLI was missing from the Kenosha area. Detective [redacted] stated that this was a very good possibility, as COVELLI has allegedly been offered a chance to work in the Bahamas in some capacity associated with organized gambling.

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Detective [redacted] also advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee is supposed to be backing COVELLI in this venture and COVELLI has definitely considered this offer as a good possibility. He also said that COVELLI's wife would like to go to the Bahamas and this fact has been known to the Racine Detective Bureau as obtained from confidential sources.

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On November 6, 1963, [redacted] Detective Bureau, Racine Police Department, advised that on November 5, 1963 WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, had reported a theft from his Kenosha vending truck at Racine, Wisconsin. COVELLI called the police station and stated that his truck was broken into at Luby's on 13th Street, Racine, Wisconsin. The complaint, as received by the Racine Police Department, listed WILLIAM COVELLI's date of birth as October 5, 1919 [redacted]

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COVELLI stated in his complaint that while filling coffee, candy and cigarette machines at the Luby Building, someone entered his vending truck, which was unlocked, and took six bags of coins. These bags were from the First National Bank of Kenosha and the American State Bank, also of Kenosha. COVELLI stated that each bag represented a stop they had made that day on their vending route. He had 13 bags when he went to lunch and when he came back he saw only seven bags. Previous to this, he had been at the Prime Steak House. COVELLI stated that there was over \$200 in quarters, dimes and nickels in the stolen bags and that this money was not covered by insurance.

It was noted on the complaint that while at Luby's, COVELLI [redacted] were in and out several times to fill the various vending machines and the money bags could be seen from outside the truck.

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At Sacramento, California

On September 24, 1963, [] Division of Registration, California Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that a check of the records reflected that 1963 California license [] was issued for a 1955 Ford Club Coupe, motor number U5BT164116, registered to [] California. The legal owner was listed as Beneficial Finance Co., 207 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, California,

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At Tampa, Florida

On October 9, 1963, [] Identification Division, Tampa Police Department, advised SA JOSEPH C. KELLY that their records reflected the following arrest []

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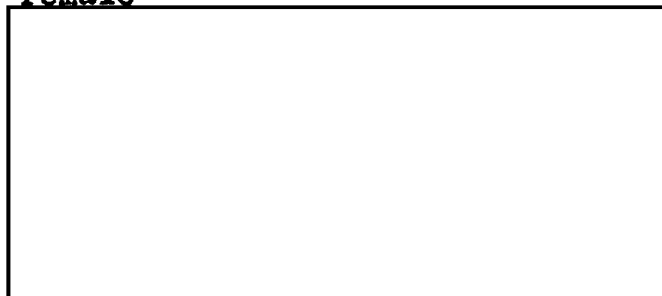


[] also known [] was described in police department records as follows:

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Race: White
Sex: Female
Date of Birth:

Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
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Last known local address:



[] entered a plea of guilty on January 8, 1963 to the Conspiracy to Commit Felony charge and was sentenced to six months in the Hillsborough County Jail, Tampa, Florida. She was released on June 7, 1963.

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On October 7, 1963, [] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Tampa, advised that she had no inquiry concerning [] in 1960. The files further reflected that a utility company

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account indicated a charge of profit and loss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] There was no further information in the files.

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Date November 27, 1963

The [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] may be obtained by issuance
of a subpoena duces tecum issued to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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On 11/15/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SE [REDACTED] /ah Date dictated 11/21/63

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated and captioned as
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TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY lmp b6 b7C
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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee 11/27/63.
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LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

A copy of this report is being furnished to Chicago in view of leads outstanding in that division.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Will follow activities of subject to ascertain if he is engaged in interstate gambling.
2. Will attempt to develop information concerning subject's possible move to the Bahama Islands in view of legalized gambling having recently been approved by the Island officials.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will interview [redacted]
[redacted]
2. Will continue to follow subject's association with FRANK BALISTRIERI and other members of the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

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MI T-1 is [redacted] contacted by SAs [redacted]
[redacted]

MI T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-3 is [redacted] Wisconsin
(by request).

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MI T-7 is [] contacted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Investigative period of this report is extended to include the information received from the San Diego Office which was not available at the time referenced report was prepared.

On November 20, 1963 [] advised SE [] the subscribers to the following telephone numbers:

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HU 1-8000, listed to the Red Carpet Inn,
4747 South Howell Ave., Milwaukee;

HI 5-9340, listed to Pioneer Sales and Service,
3100 West Pond du Lac Ave., Milwaukee;

633-7036, (Racine - not a current working line);

637-5100, listed to the Cozy Lounge, 1651 Grand
Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: January 23, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Identity of telephone subscribers obtained.

[REDACTED] not known to be
gambler or associated with the gambling element.
Subject continues association with JOHN RIZZO,
former partner in the Kenosha, Wis. crap games
and also members of the Milwaukee hoodlum element.
No record of subject's having purchased additional
jukeboxes from the S. L. London Music Co., Mil-
waukee, Wis. and subject allegedly leaving Kenosha,
Wis. sometime after the first of January, 1964.

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DETAILS:AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA ELDON
J. MUELLER on December 3, 1963:

The current Madison City and Telephone Directories
reflect that the telephone number CH 9-6484, is listed
to the Coan Mfg. Co., Inc., 2070 Helena Street, Madison.

The current 1962 Madison City Directory lists ROBERT G.
MORRIS as President and General Manager, ELMER A. STEIN,
Vice President in charge of production, ANTHONY A. PICKARTS,
Secretary, Treasurer and the firm is described as manu-
facturers of candy bars, cigarettes, hot chocolate and
coffee vending machines and steel products.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On December 23, 1963 SE [] advised that he had reviewed credit files of the Milwaukee Association of Commerce, 611 North Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin for [] Milwaukee, and this file reflected that [] is employed as an []

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On this same date SE [] conducted a criminal check at the Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee Police Department, and the file listed [] disclosed that he had been arrested on December 10, 1962 for speeding and was fined \$20.

On the above date SE [] also reviewed the files of the Milwaukee Association of Commerce for [] Milwaukee. This review disclosed that [] is employed as an attorney and also lectures at Marquette University and had a former address of [] Wisconsin and has a date of birth [] has one adverse credit report, dated December, 1963 from Gimbels, otherwise his credit rating was listed as satisfactory. On this same date SE [] conducted a criminal check at the Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee Police Department, and a review of their files disclosed that [] had been arrested [] for speeding, was fined \$23.50 and costs and on [] for an illegal turn was fined \$10 and costs.

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On November 20, 1963 MI T-2 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO would be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Saturday, November 23, 1963 to attend the wedding []

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On November 27, 1963 MI T-2 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI was in Milwaukee for [] wedding reception on Saturday night, November 23 at the VFW Hall at 31st and Villard, Milwaukee. MI T-2 stated that COVELLI was not accompanied by JOHN RIZZO and that COVELLI had very little to say at this time.

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Date January 8, 1964

[redacted] S. L. London Music Company, Inc., 3130 West Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee, advised that he has opened an account with the Kenosha Vending Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin. He stated that he does business with WILLIAM COVELLI [redacted] who are doing business as [redacted] the Kenosha Vending Company and that on November 5, 1962 he sold five juke boxes to this Kenosha vending concern.

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[redacted] reviewed his personal notebook which lists businesses with whom he has done or is currently doing business with and advised that the Kenosha Vending Company financed the purchase of the five juke boxes through the Reliable Finance Company, a Milwaukee firm. [redacted] also stated that WILLIAM COVELLI [redacted] are [redacted] of the Kenosha Vending Company and that no one else has authority to act in behalf of this company.

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He also advised that the account is current, that the payments are up to date, but have been delinquent at times, for as many as 30 days.

Concerning other purchases that may have been made by the Kenosha Vending Company, [redacted] advised that he has not sold the Kenosha Vending Company any other type of vending machine.

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by SA [redacted] /sbt Date dictated 1/3/64

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 18, 1963 MI T-7 advised that [redacted]
[redacted] WILLIAM COVELLI in addition
to [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] at the Waukegan Inn, a
swank motel and restaurant located on Illinois Highway 131,
one-half mile north of Belvidere Road, Lake County, Illinois.

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[redacted] MI T-7 advised
that not long ago [redacted]

On November 25, 1963 MI T-1 advised that she had seen
[redacted] within the last couple of days at which time
he stated that if "certain plans worked out" [redacted]
WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI would in all probability leave
the Kenosha area sometime after the first of the year, 1964.

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MI T-1 advised at this point [redacted] did not elaborate on this
matter but that this in part confirmed other rumors that
she had heard that COVELLI was contemplating leaving
Wisconsin.

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On December 3, 1963 MI T-1 advised that she had heard a recent conversation between [redacted] of the Kenosha Police Department and "WEISER" COVELLI and at this time COVELLI stated that he thinks that the current John Doe Investigation in Kenosha is a face wash, as he put it, and a lot of baloney. COVELLI stated that everything will get shoved under the rug and they will call, as he put it, the 25 home gamblers in an attempt to con them into giving information on the larger gamblers in Kenosha and the immediate area. At this time [redacted]

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[redacted] made the statement that [redacted] the John Doe proceedings, will not let this investigation get out of hand if he can help it and that [redacted] won't hurt the west side gang.

MI T-1 advised that AL ALBANA continues to hang around Greco's Restaurant playing pinochle with "WEISER" COVELLI and LOUIE GRECO on a nightly basis. MI T-1 also advised that recently ALBANA was in Greco's Restaurant talking with "WEISER" COVELLI and COVELLI gave him some money. MI T-1 stated that ALBANA had been going to Madison, Wisconsin recently and on a recent trip he was arrested for speeding. MI T-1 advised that the conversation between COVELLI and ALBANA indicated that COVELLI had fixed a speeding ticket for ALBANA with a Wisconsin State Highway Patrolman and that this fixing may have been handled through [redacted] the Kenosha Police Department.

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MI T-1 stated that there still appears to be some form of gambling venture going on in Kenosha on weekends as individuals whom she has known to be participating in various forms of gambling appear at the restaurant in the late evening and she named one individual specifically who is called "fat lips" and also another individual she knows as "Nick the Jew" as being persons who come into Greco's Restaurant late in the evening.

MI T-1 also advised that FRANK JANNUZZI was in Greco's Restaurant on November 23, 1963 with a tall lanky individual who had black hair and was wearing a mustache and also another young kid, probably 23-25 years old. MI T-1 stated that she did not know either of these individuals with JANNUZZI and that this is the first time that she has seen JANNUZZI in Greco's Restaurant since the COVELLI-RIZZO crap game was terminated in February of 1963.

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MI T-1 stated that "WEISER" COVELLI [redacted] have taken over the former Tropic Club Bar, 5614-22nd Avenue, and that [redacted] this tavern for COVELLI. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI [redacted] put up the money for the tavern license and other expenses, and it is now called Mr. G's.

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MI T-1 stated that recently "WEISER" COVELLI was talking [redacted] (phonetic) in Greco's Restaurant and they were talking about something concerning big money, either buying or selling. MI T-1 advised that she did not hear any pertinent details to this conversation or any specific item that might have been bought or sold. MI T-1 advised that [redacted] the North Shore Discount on 52nd Street in Kenosha.

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MI T-1 advised that "WEISER" COVELLI has recently been spending a considerable amount of time at a place operated by his uncle by the name [redacted] who has a restaurant in Waukegan, Illinois. [redacted] also has a restaurant called Mary's Park View on 54th Street in Kenosha. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI has been contacting [redacted] on a two or three times a week basis recently and also in evenings. MI T-1 specifically stated that COVELLI appears to be spending his Monday evenings at Mary's Park View Restaurant.

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Concerning COVELLI handling pool tickets or parlay cards, MI T-1 advised that COVELLI appears to be handling some kind of pool activity because whenever he is playing cards or engaged in a conversation with someone and he hears the results of weekend sports activities he will drop his cards or discontinue his conversation and commence to write down the scores of the football games.

MI T-1 stated that "WEISER" COVELLI is considerably worried over his current income tax problem and also about matters that might be brought out in the current John Doe proceedings in Kenosha. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI recently received a letter from the Reliable Finance Company in Milwaukee and made a wise remark that everybody wanted money and tore the letter up. MI T-1 advised that a week later COVELLI received another letter from the Reliable Finance Company and apparently retained this letter and did not destroy it. MI T-1 advised

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that "WEISER" COVELLI [redacted] had been talking about an overseas trip or some type of trip and that she has observed travel literature from Bermuda and the Virgin Islands in the possession of COVELLI [redacted]

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On January 5, 1964 MI T-1 advised that persons by the name [redacted]

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[redacted] all of Racine have been observed in the company of FRANK JANNUZZI at one time or another at Greco's Restaurant.

MI T-1 stated that recently she has overheard COVELLI and the other regular patrons of Greco's Restaurant talking about going to Illinois at least three nights a week for a floating bingo game. She stated that these games are held at different places each night and she knows of prior bingo activity at a place called McHenry's and also at the Moose Club on Sheridan Road near Waukegan, Illinois and also the Zion-Benton Moose Lodge. MI T-1 does not know if anything illegal transpires at these bingo games but is of the opinion that the individuals who are participating would not be going to these bingo games unless it was of a profitable venture and that something underhanded was behind the operation. MI T-1 stated that this operation is strictly a game in which money is awarded as prizes and there are no gifts or material prizes involved.

MI T-1 advised that she has not heard COVELLI [redacted] [redacted] make any more statements about making a trip nor has she observed either of these individuals reviewing any overseas brochures.

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MI T-1 stated that the Kenosha townspeople, especially the west side gang, are really concerned over the current John Doe proceedings in Kenosha and that they are dead set against [redacted] who is one of the state investigators that may be assigned to work on this case. MI T-1 stated that the reason for the west side gang's concern over this matter is that [redacted] was a former [redacted] and that he is well orientated as to past and present gambling activities in Kenosha and surrounding areas.

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MI T-1 advised that there continues to be some form of a pickup gambling operation going on every weekend, usually

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on Sunday night continuing until Monday morning and that on the prior weekend (January 5, 1964) [redacted] were participating in some form of gambling venture and that a fellow she knows [redacted] was the apparent dealer.

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MI T-1 stated that ANTHONY CEFALU was a prior visitor to the COVELLI-RIZZO craps game that was located next to Greco's Restaurant but MI T-1 could not remember with whom she has seen CEFALU other than local Kenoshans.

On January 17, 1964 a spotcheck of subject disclosed that he continues to frequent Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street and also is spending some time at Mr. G's located on 22nd Avenue, a restaurant which subject [redacted] have allegedly invested money in and is operated by [redacted] a former driver and serviceman for the Kenosha Vending Company.

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AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

On January 7, 1964 MI T-3 advised that he had been a participant in the RIZZO-COVELLI craps game at the former location of the "56th Street Cigar Store" in Kenosha, Wisconsin until these games were terminated in February, 1963. MI T-1 stated that JOHN RIZZO was the big man behind the whole operation, and that each night a game was held, RIZZO would bring the money in for the game from Milwaukee. If for some reason RIZZO was called out or not present for the evening's action, WILLIAM COVELLI would take over and run the operation. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI was also receiving a percentage of each evening's take.

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MI T-3 stated that he was a [redacted]
[redacted]

At a later date, MI T-3 was arrested for possession of gambling equipment and he asked WILLIAM COVELLI for the money to pay the court cost. He asked COVELLI for \$1,000 and COVELLI said he would help. MI T-3 later asked COVELLI for the money and was told by COVELLI that he, or they, were short and as a result, would not be able to help MI T-3 with any amount of money.

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MI T-3 advised that COVELLI told him, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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MI T-3 stated that at the time WILLIAM COVELLI made this statement his brother JEFF was also present.

MI T-3 stated that he has severed all ties with the COVELLI brothers, and the only form of gambling he engages in now is an occasional poker game with business associates.

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

By communication dated November 21, 1963 the San Diego Office advised that indices of their office are negative on CLEBURNE GORDON, 5151 Cape May, Ocean Beach, California. The City Directory lists CLEBURNE [REDACTED] GORDON, residence at [REDACTED], and indicates his employment as a mechanic - Hazard, undoubtedly Hazard Construction Company.

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Records of the San Diego Police Department and San Diego County Sheriff's Office were negative when checked by IC [REDACTED] on October 9, 1963. Merchants Credit Association check on October 10, 1963, by IC [REDACTED] revealed the following: There was a file for the above individual who as of July 26, 1963, reportedly resided at [REDACTED] California, formerly resided [REDACTED]

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A collection notice was listed in June of 1963, creditor not shown, and several warning notices, including a notation "Skip; Too slow; Promises not kept; Mail returned." Employment was not shown in the file, but a notation indicated possibly in construction work.

On November 20, 1963 [REDACTED] the Beneficial Finance Company, 207 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, California, advised that since January, 1963, his firm has been trying to locate GORDON as a "skip". He stated he had obtained the following addresses during his attempts to locate GORDON, but that none of them were now good since GORDON has apparently become completely transient:

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[redacted] also advised that the address [redacted]
[redacted] California, was probably that [redacted]
[redacted] but had no further information concerning it in
the file.

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[redacted] had no information indicating that GORDON was known
to be a gambler or associated with the gambling element. He
said that he had been a good account until construction
work became slow about the end of 1962. At that time he
became overdue on his payments and started moving around
the country.

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None of the following persons had any information indicating
gambling connections on the part of GORDON or knew where he
is now:

[redacted] and [redacted] at
Hazard Construction Company, Cabrillo and Friars Road, San
Diego, on November 20, 1963, advised GORDON has been a
mechanic with the company and had been laid off on October 10,
1962, because of a slowdown in construction work.

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His work card showed his Social Security Number as 252-05-9612;
born November 20, 1912, Tennessee; [redacted]

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They said he had been a satisfactory worker, apparently
honest, and had been in no trouble while employed with Hazard.

The following neighbors in the vicinity [redacted]
[redacted] on November 20, 1963, advised they had no information
about GORDON except that he had lived in the area for a couple
of years and had been apparently respectable and law-abiding.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
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MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gambling and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-3 is [redacted] is acquainted with various individuals associated and active in gambling in Racine.

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MI T-7 is a Kenosha source who is closely associated with gambling and the hoodlum element due to the nature of his business and is acquainted with the current illegal activities of the gambling element.

Date 2/6/64

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

Bufile 162-777	Field Division Milwaukee
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Title and Character of Case

**WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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Date Property Acquired

6/7/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

Made by Bureau Agents

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Bulky Cabinet

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence--Retain until case solved.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. 2 plaster casts of tire tracks (from driveway at house where Biernat body found)
2. 1 plaster cast of possible footprint (from driveway at house where Biernat body found)
3. 1 film pack (photos taken at house where Biernat body found.)

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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Waukegan, Illinois

Will contact informants who are acquainted with the current gambling operations in the Northern part of Illinois for any information they may have that would indicate that WILLIAM COVELLI is currently involved in any gambling operation at the Club 42.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Continue efforts to identify subject as being involved in gambling and other racket activities with view to ascertain whether engaged in violation of laws of the United States.
2. Will attempt to develop information concerning subject's possible move out of the country to take over a gambling operation, possibly in the Bahama Islands.
3. Will conduct background investigation on JOE ROGIN, 4534 Harding Road, in view of his association with known Kenosha gamblers and also the fact that he has allowed gambling to be played in the basement of his residence which apparently ties in with a syndicate operation.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will attempt to develop information that may indicate that FRANK BALISTRIERI may be negotiating with subject concerning an expansion of subject's vending operation.

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2. Will continue to follow subject's association with FRANK BALISTRERI and other members of the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

At Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will contact criminal [redacted] concerning activities of subject's former gambling associate, JOHN RIZZO, 1916 Emmertson Road, Racine County.

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2. Will maintain contact with the Special Squad, Racine PD, for any indication that subject and JOHN RIZZO may have had a falling out just recently.

3. Will attempt to ascertain the reason for SAM FORGIANNI, alleged real estate associate of subject, recently observed at the business premise of Packaging Services, Inc., 2120 North Western Avenue.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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MI T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-5 is [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-8 is PCI [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: March 12, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Telephone data set out. Subject maintaining association with Milwaukee "outfit" and has accompanied former gambling associate JOHN RIZZO to Milwaukee for hoodlum get-together. Subject and RIZZO have not reopened crap game in Kenosha and are not being seen together in Kenosha, apparently due to the Kenosha John Doe. Subject continues association with Mr. G's and as partner in Kenosha Vending Company. Subject has not indicated he was leaving the Kenosha area. MI T-1 advised that there is no gambling equipment in the former "crap game" location on 56th Street. Subject has let [REDACTED] go [REDACTED] of Mr. G's.

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DETAILS:AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On December 9, 1964 SA [REDACTED] ascertained the following information from the Illinois Bell Telephone

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Company, Public Information Service:

Chicago telephone number 686-5930 is listed to Alitalia Airlines, O'Hare Field, Chicago, Illinois.

Telephone number FI 6-5700 is listed to United Airlines Reservations, Chicago, Illinois.

Date 1/27/64

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The records of the [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois, reflect that [redacted]
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In the event the above information is desired
for court purposes, a subpoena duces tecum should be
addressed [redacted]
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by IC [redacted]/vmm Date dictated 1/21/64

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On January 30, 1964 MI T-1 advised that he was in the former Tropic Club, now called Mr. G's on 22nd Avenue, and that this club was being operated by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] former route collector and general service man for the Kenosha Vending Company, operated by WILLIAM COVELLI [REDACTED] MI T-1 stated that he was in this tavern on New Year's Eve and observed what appeared to be a large pool table with a green felt covering. MI T-1 advised that he did not observe any equipment that would convert this pool table into a craps table, but he advised that the former COVELLI - RIZZO craps games were being held on a converted pool table.

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MI T-1 stated that he has not received any current information that would indicate that WILLIAM COVELLI or JOHN RIZZO would be leaving the Kenosha - Racine area.

MI T-1 advised that he had an opportunity to be in the Kenosha Vending Company office on January 11, 1964 and at that time there was no activity at the Kenosha Vending address. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI has moved more vending machines, boxes and other items into the area formerly used by the craps game and there is no area available at this time, in which a game could be set up. MI T-1 advised that with all the equipment in this room, there is no other place to store any other equipment, and if a game was being held in this area, all the boxes and other vending equipment would have to be moved outdoors.

On February 15, 1964 MI T-1 advised that [REDACTED] who was associated with WILLIAM COVELLI in the Kenosha Vending Company, was going to Florida on February 17, 1964 for a week's trip, and that a [REDACTED] was also in Florida at that time.

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MI T-1 also stated that WILLIAM COVELLI would be taking care of Mr. G's tavern in the absence of [redacted] and that [redacted] who was associated with COVELLI [redacted] has been in the hospital for the past week and has not been working at the tavern.

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On March 9, 1964 MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI, who is in partnership [redacted] at Mr. G's on 22nd Avenue, has let [redacted] of this tavern due to the fact that [redacted] has been knocking down on him and also shortchanging the cash register on sales. As COVELLI stated, [redacted] has been playing both ends against the middle.

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MI T-1 also stated that he has heard no information that would indicate that COVELLI was planning on leaving the Kenosha area or sell his vending business.

He stated that COVELLI continues to operate his Kenosha Vending Company on a regular basis and also continues in [redacted] this vending business.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On January 22, 1964 MI T-5 advised that he had been invited to a party at Gallagher's on Tuesday, January 14, 1964 which was made to appear like a social get-together; however, the persons present in the general setup indicated that a hoodlum gathering was planned for a specific purpose. MI T-5 stated that there were 30 - 40 individuals present, and he listed among those in attendance as STEVE DE SALVO, WALTER "BLACKIE" BROCCA, [redacted] FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOHN RIZZO, WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, AUGIE MANIACI, and an individual from West Bend, believed to be [redacted] [redacted] a couple of individuals from Madison, possibly a DE SALVO, [redacted]

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On January 23, 1964 MI T-2 advised that on the night of

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January 14, 1964 a social get-together, similar to one held on January 6, 1964, was held in the basement room at Gallagher's and among those present were STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK STELLOH, FRANK BALISTRIERI, MIKE ALBANO, three unknown individuals from Madison and four from Chicago. MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI both attended this party at Gallagher's on the night of January 14, 1964.

MI T-2 stated that FRANK BALISTRIERI is more sociable lately and is going around visiting members of the outfit, particularly those members in the MANIACI faction.

MI T-2 advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI plans to open up a coin machine operating business with new and used juke boxes and other types of coin vending machines. He stated that [redacted] who recently obtained a license for such machines will front for FRANK BALISTRIERI in running this business, and that [redacted] and BLACKIE BROCCA will work for them. MI T-2 stated the Chicago, New York and Kansas City syndicates supposedly own the Vending Machine Manufacturing Company in Libertyville, Illinois. MI T-2 does not know the name of the company and stated that this is strictly rumor. He also stated that Pioneer Sales and Service Company on Fond du Lac Avenue in Milwaukee is owned and operated by Chicago, New York and Kansas City syndicates, and that [redacted] are the front men for the syndicates and carry a lot of paper on the vending machines that they sell. MI T-2 also stated that HERMAN PASTOR, [redacted] had an interest in this place up until the time that he was killed.

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On February 7, 1964 MI T-2 stated that he had talked to JOHN RIZZO on the night of the party at Gallaghers on January 31, 1964, and that RIZZO stated that he and COVELLI were definitely not reopening the crap game in Kenosha.

On February 20, 1964 MI T-2 advised that [redacted] is working three nights a week at Angelo's, a pizza place run by MIKE ALBANO. He advised that [redacted] has also started up the vending machine business for FRANK BALISTRIERI and that they have five customers. He stated that BLACKIE BROCCA [redacted] are doing all the

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actual work; FRANK BALISTRERI is putting up the money, and [] is fronting for him. MI T-2 also stated they have finally managed to find a store from which to operate and will move in around the first of March. He stated that BLACKIE BROCCA, [] and JOHN AIELLO are painting and fixing up the store.

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MI T-2 stated that JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI are not being seen together in Kenosha at the present time and are apparently staying apart due to the John Doe hearings there.

On March 2, 1964 MI T-2 advised that the vending machine business that is being backed financially by FRANK BALISTRERI, will be opened on March 2, 1964 in a store. He stated that BALISTRERI will have a girl working there as a receptionist and will handle customers who come in and that [] will be the contact man for the company in placing juke boxes, and WALTER BROCCA will do most of the maintenance work on them. MI T-2 advised that they will be handling new and reconditioned coin machines of every type including juke boxes, vending machines and legal pin ball machines, and that FRANK BALISTRERI is definitely the individual handling all of the finances. MI T-2 also stated that this new place of business being operated for FRANK BALISTRERI is close to his home and also to Gallaghers and will be convenient for BALISTRERI to stop in there on his way to and in from work.

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MI T-2 stated that [] will still operate his juke box business and will front for FRANK BALISTRERI. He also advised that [] is repairing and storing his extra juke boxes in the store on East Pleasant Street.

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In regard to a rumor that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI had a falling out, MI T-2 stated he did not hear this, but he does know definitely that RIZZO and COVELLI are not seen together at all at the present time. He said

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he has attributed this to the fact that there is a John Doe hearing in Kenosha and that it might possibly be that they have had a falling out.

In regard to another rumor that WILLIAM COVELLI might sell his vending business and go to the Bahamas or Las Vegas for a gambling job, MI T-2 stated he knew nothing concerning this matter. He did advise that he knew COVELLI has been to the Bahamas on vacations and has talked very favorable concerning climate and good jobs in gambling afforded there.

On February 19, 1964 [REDACTED] United Airlines, General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reviewed the Official Airline Guide and advised that Alitalia Airlines is an International Carrier and is owned by the Italian government. He advised that this airline usually has passenger service to Paris, France, Milan and Rome Italy.

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AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

On January 31, 1964 MI T-8 advised that he had made several telephonic contacts with individuals with whom he has gambled in the Racine area, and these individuals advised him that there was no action around the Racine - Kenosha area on a scheduled basis due to the current heat created by recent IRS gambling raids, police department gambling arrests, and also the presence of a John Doe in Kenosha. MI T-8 advised that the old time members in the area do not know just what the John Doe is going after and as a result, they are playing it real cool.

MI T-8 stated that he had been thinking about some of the prior activities of the RIZZO - COVELLI era in gambling matters in Kenosha and stated that they had used a large pool table which had been converted into a craps table. He stated that JOHN RIZZO was the banker in the craps game and the only individual who would handle the money for the

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gambling operation. He stated that chips were used in this crap game and were in the denominations of \$1.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00. MI T-8 advised that he had seen as much as \$30,000 to \$40,000 at one time stacked in front of RIZZO. MI T-8 stated that this crap game could accommodate 40 - 50 individuals but usually there was only 15 or 20 active players at one time. He also stated that LOUIE GRECO's [redacted] was a close associate of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI who would play as much as \$2,000 a night and was usually a loser. He conjectured that this money was [redacted] money and may have been house money invested into the game just to keep things on the move. Concerning the RIZZO - COVELLI crap game, MI T-8 advised that a participant would go in the front door of the old 56th Street Cigar Store which was dark, would be acknowledged usually by "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA who was the usual doorman and would then go through a small vestibule like arrangement between the front office and the rear area where the craps game was being held. MI T-8 advised that this game was a rather closed operation in a sense that he usually saw the same individuals at the game and, therefore, everyone knew everyone else and no strangers were allowed unless they were brought in by one of the well-known players. He advised that these games were held on late Friday evenings and were carried on into Saturday mornings and there also was activity on Sunday afternoons but on a lesser scale than the early Saturday morning action.

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MI T-8 stated that he has not seen JOHN RIZZO in Racine or Kenosha and that the last time he saw RIZZO was shortly before the craps game was terminated in February, 1963.

During the evening of January 31, 1964 and the morning of February 1, 1964 MI T-8 was in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he made the rounds of various bars, and at the time he visited Mr. G's on 22nd Avenue. He advised that while being in Mr. G's, he was informed that if he wanted to get into some gambling action, he should go to the Echo Inn, which was adjacent to the Hotel Badger, 512 57th Street and to contact [redacted]

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During this same evening, MI T-8 went to a private residence of an individual known as JOE ROGIN, 4534 Harding Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin. MI T-8 advised that there was a telephone in the basement and while he was there, someone called to find out how things were going, and JOE ROGIN advised that everything was okay. MI T-8 stated that this game was a \$2.00 limit with eight fellows playing and the dealer, who was ROGIN, would drag \$1.00 from each pot on \$10 or more and 50 cents from each pot of less than \$10. He also stated that ROGIN had a large quantity of beer and other refreshments which were free to the participants, and he sold cigarettes. MI T-8 was advised that if the game was knocked off by police officials that he would take care of any court expenses. During the evening, ROGIN did all of the dealing and also won \$300 - \$350. MI T-8 was of the impression that there was some form of illegal activity being engaged in by ROGIN, and that he had several winning hands but ROGIN always seemed to top his on a showdown.

MI T-8 stated that this house was one of tensimilar places that are allegedly in operation in Kenosha at the present time, and that there is known to be at least 15 places available in which house gambling is played or these houses are available for gambling action. MI T-8 stated that [redacted] recently told him that due to the current investigations being conducted in Kenosha, the house gambling has been profitable and if they are raided, it appears as a neighborhood poker game and is not tied in with any syndicate operation. Concerning the syndicate MI T-8 stated that these house games are definitely tied in with syndicate operations and things will be enlarged as soon as the current John Doe proceedings have subsided.

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On February 6, 1964 Detective [redacted] Special Squad, Racine Police Department, advised that he and his partner, [redacted] on this date had observed SAM FORGIANNI entering the Packaging Services business premise address. At the time, FORGIANNI was driving a white Cadillac with a gray top. Detective [redacted] also advised that they have

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observed SAM FORGIANNI on various occasions in and around Racine but have not seen him contact JOHN RIZZO or other known gamblers in the Racine area.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
March 12, 1964

Title WILLIAM COVELLI, aka

Character IGA

Reference Report of SA [redacted]
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 12, 1964

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is a Kenosha source, who, during the course of his employment, comes into contact with various members of the gambling element and is aware of their current associates and activities.

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gambling and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area particularly so with those of the Italian - American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-5 is a Milwaukee source who, through business contacts, is aware of the Italian - American element and their current illegal activities.

MI T-8 is [redacted] is acquainted with various individuals associated with and active in gambling in Racine and Kenosha.

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TITLE OF CASE 0 WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 		TYPED BY cef
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA		

REFERENCES

Report of SA at Milwaukee
dated 3-12-64.
Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 3-27-64, I.O.

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ENCLOSURES:TO BUREAU

Two copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting
characterization of informants utilized in this
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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Waukegan, Illinois

Will maintain contact with [] for information pertaining to COVELLI's and RIZZO's alleged plans to buy the Key Club, Park City, Illinois for the purpose of using the basement for gambling.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will continue efforts to identify subject as being involved in gambling and other racket activities with view to ascertain whether engaged in violation of laws of the United States.
2. Will check delinquency tax rolls, Kenosha County Court House, in attempt to locate property subject allegedly has in Paddock Lake, Wisconsin.
3. Will, through developed sources of information in Kenosha, attempt to ascertain if subject has a floating crap game in operation in view of information received from a Kenosha source that a full box of dice was located in Greco's Restaurant.
4. Will follow activities of subject to develop his current associates and business activities in and around the Kenosha area.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will attempt to develop information on the proposed COVELLI, RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRERI plans to buy the Key Club, Park City, Illinois.

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2. Will follow subject's association with FRANK BALISTRIERI and other members of the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

At Racine, Wisconsin

Will maintain contact with the Special Squad, Racine PD, for current information pertaining to JOHN RIZZO, former partner of subject in the Kenosha crap game operation prior to 2/63.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [] contacted by SA []

MI T-2 is [] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-3 is PCI [] contacted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

MI T-4 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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MI T-8 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report has been extended to include information that was not available at the time referenced report was prepared and also investigation conducted by the Chicago Division that was obtained through a file review of Milwaukee file captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka", Milwaukee file 92-257.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: April 29, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Subject in partnership with JOHN RIZZO, Racine, Wisconsin and FRANK BALISTRIERI, head of Milwaukee "outfit" plan on buying the Key Club, Park City, Illinois. Milwaukee hoodlums alleged to have taken part and supervised at times the crap game of COVELLI and RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin. FRANK BALISTRIERI has piece of COVELLI's juke box business, his booking and gambling when such is running in the Kenosha area. No information available to indicate that subject and JOHN RIZZO have split up. COVELLI maintains interest in Mr. G's Tavern on 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin with [REDACTED] the Kino Vending Company.

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DETAILS:AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

By communication dated March 27, 1964 the Chicago Division advised as follows:

On March 23, 1964 [REDACTED] Highland Park Credit Bureau, Highland Park, Illinois, advised

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SA [] that [] is the operator in the Highland Park area. Since 1956 he has operated a beauty salon at Glencoe, Illinois and since 1960, another at the Cross Roads Shopping Center, 203 Skokie Valley, Highland Park, Illinois. (It is noted the telephone number listed to Willis Beauty Salon which was called from the subject's phone, was the one at the Cross Roads Shopping Center). The records of the Credit Bureau reflect that [] [] He makes considerable use of credit and his credit record is considered very good.

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[] who is also connected with the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, advised that they have never received any complaints concerning business practices []

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Highland Park Chief of Police ANTHONY SCHMIEG advised on March 23, 1964 that the records of his department contain no reference []

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AT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

By communication dated March 23, 1964 the Chicago Division advised under Milwaukee file captioned, "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA", Milwaukee file 92-257, that [] also known [] Waukegan, Illinois, was reinterviewed

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January 29, 1964 by SA [] He advised he knew nothing further concerning the Biernat matter since last interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI, Milwaukee. He has continued to hear talk from time to time but only nonspecific gossip which he cannot enlarge upon or detail but which is in the direction that WILLIAM COVELLI must have had something to do with the assassination of BIERNAT.

He further advised he had learned through a bartender of the Key Club, Park City, Illinois that COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRERI were going to buy the Key Club on January 6, 1964. They allegedly were to have gambling in the basement. On January 7, 1964 he chanced to see COVELLI on the street

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in Kenosha and the latter told him the deal had not gone through as one of the two partner owners "jacked up the price." He added they were going to bide their time and felt they would be able to buy the night club.

[] said he has no information as to what assurance the above three had they could operate in a Lake County, Illinois, town or the source of their assurance, but he is certain they have same.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On March 9, 1964 MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI, who is in partnership [] at Mr. G's on 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, has let [] this tavern due to the fact that [] has been knocking down on him and also shortchanging the cash register on sales. As COVELLI stated, [] has been playing both ends against the middle.

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MI T-1 also stated that he has not heard or received any information that would indicate that COVELLI was planning on leaving the Kenosha area or selling his vending business. He stated that COVELLI continues to operate his Kino Vending Company on a regular basis and also continues [] on this vending business.

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On March 11, 1964 MI T-4 observed numerous photographs of area hoodlums and upon observing the photograph of FRANK STELLOH stated she has observed STELLOH at the Kenosha lake front down 52nd Street near the area where TONY BIERNAT kept or docked his personal motorboat. MI T-4 stated that she has observed FRANK STELLOH driving a white Thunderbird in the Kenosha area. She was positive she has observed STELLOH because on one occasion she recalled that on a summer day in 1962 she had waived at the driver of a white Thunderbird, thinking that it was TONY BIERNAT. As the car came closer, she saw the driver was STELLOH, and that TONY BIERNAT was a passenger in this car. She commented about the fact that STELLOH and BIERNAT looked very much alike, especially their profiles, and this was the reason for the mistaken identity.

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MI T-4 was asked about WEISER COVELLI, and she stated SAM IAQUINTA and WEISER COVELLI have an under the table agreement that cuts [redacted] out of new accounts for the Lake Side Amusement Company. She stated she is of the opinion that IAQUINTA will give COVELLI advanced information on a probable new account for a juke box or amusement device installation whereupon COVELLI will contact this party and attempt to place his machines in this establishment. If COVELLI is successful in opening this new account, he is supposed to give IAQUINTA a portion of the receipts thereby cutting [redacted] out of the picture, and pocketing monies that are not accounted for.

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MI T-4 advised that COVELLI has a new bartender in Mr. G's Tavern on 22nd Avenue by the name of AL (LNU). She stated that her daughter has been in Mr. G's Tavern and observed this individual working behind the bar. She also stated that her daughter has seen juke boxes being moved around in Mr. G's Tavern and COVELLI may be in the juke box business bigger than it was assumed.

On April 6, 1964 [redacted] Criminal Investigator, [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, advised that on the morning of April 3, 1964 at 2:05 A.M. the City of Kenosha Police Department conducted a gambling raid at the home of JOSEPH F. ROGAN, 4534 Harding Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin. The following are a list of the subjects that were brought to the police station and booked:

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JOSEPH F. ROGIN, DOB 11/23/10, 4534 Harding Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Charge: permitting commercialized gambling on premises;

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[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct, aka [redacted]

WALTER W. PARISEA, DOB 6/19/08, 1507 70th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

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Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

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Kenosha, Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

[redacted] Kenosha,
Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

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Kenosha, Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

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Kenosha, Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

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Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

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Wisconsin. Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Charge: Disorderly Conduct;

[redacted] Racine,
Wisconsin

On April 13, 1964 MI T-1 advised that the tavern being operated under the name of Mr. G's on 22nd Avenue in Kenosha is licensed to WILLIAM COVELLI [redacted] and has recently been taken over by LOUIE GRECO, JR. who is the current operator of La Strada's Bar, also in Kenosha. MI T-1 stated that this had come about due to the fact that COVELLI [redacted] could not make a go of the business themselves due to the fact that they were opening the bar late in the afternoon, closing early in the evening and that neither COVELLI [redacted] were

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bartenders or had a liking for such a business. MI T-1 stated that COVELLI has either sold out or discontinued his coffee vending business and is just handling the cigarette vending operation now with the Kino Vending Company.

MI T-1 stated that a telephone call was received at Mr. G's Restaurant recently in which the caller asked for WILLIAM COVELLI. MI T-1 advised that the caller was told that COVELLI was not in at the present time and then the caller stated that he had a message to be relayed to COVELLI that the taxes were way past due at Paddock Lake. The caller then hung up. MI T-1 conjectured that COVELLI was not the type to stay at a cabin in a rural area, and that the property may be some sort of a business venture but in a name other than his own.

MI T-1 also added that COVELLI took a ride [redacted] last Sunday evening but the destination was unknown.

(It is noted that [redacted] is an associate [redacted] who is currently operating numerous "house games" in the Kenosha area).

On April 22, 1964 MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI had been to Milwaukee recently and apparently had talked to gamblers as he talked about the recent newspaper article concerning the State of Wisconsin allowing on track horse betting at race tracks in Wisconsin. COVELLI thought that race tracks in Wisconsin would go over in a great way and the gamblers would push for such a situation. MI T-1 stated that these gamblers would like the race track or tracks to be located near Milwaukee and if so, COVELLI made a comment that he would attempt to get a job because of the monetary potential and number of gamblers around the Milwaukee area that would promote such an operation and it would be highly beneficial to COVELLI.

MI T-1 advised that the following individuals were among those who participated in the former COVELLI - RIZZO crap games which was held on 56th Street in the current area

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operated by the Kino Vending Company:

[redacted] who was described as a bartender for
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to [redacted] restaurant in Cudahy;

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[redacted] who is also called [redacted] who is [redacted]
[redacted]

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MI T-1 also stated that [redacted] who has been
associated with WEISER COVELLI in the past, has dropped
the west side gang suddenly because he is afraid his name
may be mixed up with the John Doe which is currently being
conducted in the Kenosha area.

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On April 23, 1964 MI T-3 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI for
the past month, has joined in with LOUIE GRECO, JR. at the
old Tropic Club on 22nd Avenue, now called Mr. G's,
(GRECO) [redacted] who had the La Strada Tavern on
52nd Street with [redacted]

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[redacted] Kenosha, is running this tavern with COVELLI in
the background as the financial backer. LOUIE GRECO, JR.
had nothing as he was losing out at the La Strada except
for what help he received from the poker games that were
held in the basement. MI T-3 stated that this venture has
just started, and that there is no truth to the rumors that
COVELLI is pulling out of the above tavern.

MI T-3 also advised that there is considerable talk around
town that the horse book operation in Kenosha is now going
on ostensibly with the same old "runners" back on the job
making pickups at the various taverns in town.

On April 23, 1964 while conducting a spot check of "The
Office Lounge", 58th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, the
personal vehicle of WEISER COVELLI, bearing 1964 Wisconsin
registration E84-821, on a white Dodge Dart station wagon,
was observed parked at a parking meter in front of the Office
Lounge.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On February 11, 1964 Detective [redacted] Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised that he and his partner, Detective [redacted] had attended part of the stag party held at Fazio's on 5th [redacted] on the night of November 4, 1963. Detective [redacted] stated that he and his partner did not get to the party until approximately 11 p.m., and stayed until about 12:30 a.m. Detective [redacted] advised that he had heard that there were approximately 75 people present for dinner, that the party had started about eight p.m. with a dinner and a show being given upstairs, and that the people present then proceeded to the downstairs area, which was set aside for party groups. [redacted] related that by the time he and his partner had arrived at approximately 11 p.m., the group had been reduced to about 50 people. The people present entertained themselves by conversation, some playing Gin Rummy, and some in small poker games, with only chips visible. Many prominent business and professional men were present, and these individuals were known to have no connection with the "outfit" nor sympathy toward any such organization. Detective [redacted] pointed out that, for example, [redacted] was present. [redacted] is a long time acquaintance and friend [redacted] a federal judge and [redacted] a local circuit court judge.

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Detective [redacted] stated that to the best of his information there was no business conducted that in any way pertained to the "outfit" or the Italian group as such.

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Detective [redacted] further stated that by the time that he and his partner arrived, he did not see JOHN RIZZO nor did he recognize from a photograph anyone who resembled WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.

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On March 13, 1964 MI T-2 advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE is still receiving \$250 a week from the Milwaukee "outfit" as is STEVE DE SALVO. MI T-2 advised that he has no information that would indicate that FRANK STELLOH was in the

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Kenosha area during the summer of 1962 nor was he known to have an association with TONY BIERNAT at the Kenosha Yacht Club. MI T-2 did advise that JOEY GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE went to Kenosha regularly, at least twice a week during the summer of 1962 and corroborated there a great deal with WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. MI T-2 stated that they also took part and supervised at times the crap game of COVELLI and RIZZO. He said that on occasions, FRANK STELLOH accompanied them to Kenosha, but he knows nothing concerning STELLOH knowing TONY BIERNAT at that time.

On March 27, 1964 MI T-2 advised that ANDY LOCOCO is looking for someone from Milwaukee to run his laundromat and dry cleaning business in Hawthorne, California. He said that LOCOCO has been unsuccessful in obtaining a local man in California and hence, is trying to get someone from Milwaukee to come out there and work for him.

MI T-2 advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI is staying close to Gallagher's at the present time and is very quiet. He said BALISTRIERI has again made remarks to the effect that there will be a reorganization of the Milwaukee "outfit" in the near future and he interpreted this to mean after the Milwaukee John Doe trials are held.

MI T-2 advised in regards to WILLIAM COVELLI that FRANK BALISTRIERI has a piece of COVELLI's juke box business, his booking and gambling when such is running in the Kenosha area. He advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI also has a piece of JOHN RIZZO's book at Racine. MI T-2 stated that there is no information concerning COVELLI and RIZZO splitting up and in his opinion, they are such good friends that they would probably only split up on the surface because of the John Doe hearings in the Kenosha area.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

On March 24, 1964 MI T-8 advised that he was at the Club 42 located just south of the Wisconsin - Illinois state lines in the state of Illinois, approximately two weeks ago on a Thursday night and observed a couple of boys

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on the crap table sticks whom he knew as former "stick men" at the discontinued COVELLI - RIZZO crap game on 56th Street in Kenosha. He advised that he does not know their names but that they were both short and typically Italian in appearance.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Title WILLIAM COVELLI, aka

Character IGA

Reference Report of SA [redacted]
dated and captioned as above.

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WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum who is closely associated with gambling and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area particularly so with those of the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-3 is a Kenosha source, who, because of his business comes into contact with various members of the gambling element and is aware of their current associates and activities.

MI T-4 is a Kenosha source, who, [redacted] is in a position to observe the activities of various hoodlums

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MI T-8 is [redacted] is acquainted with various individuals associated with and active in gambling in those areas.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 6/25/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/16 - 6/11/64
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY lmp b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCES

Report of SA , Milwaukee, 4/29/64.
Chicago airtel to Milwaukee 5/28/64.

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

To Chicago: Four photographs each of subject COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois:

Will surveil the booking activities of COVELLI in association with JOHN RIZZO in the Club House at Arlington Park race track for a possible violation of the Federal gambling statute under ITAR in view of their living in Wisconsin and traveling into the State of Illinois.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Will interview [REDACTED] concerning any knowledge he may have of property COVELLI has in the Paddock Lake area of Kenosha County.
2. Will continue to follow activities of subject to develop his current associates in and around the Kenosha area.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will follow subject's association with FRANK BALISTRIERI and other members of the Milwaukee Outfit.

At Racine, Wisconsin:

Will maintain contact with the Special Squad, Racine Police Department, for current information pertaining to JOHN RIZZO, former partner of subject in the Kenosha crap game operation and current gambling associate at the race track.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [] contacted by SA []

MI T-2 is [] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-3 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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The investigative period of this report has been extended to include information that was not available at the time referenced report was prepared.

On April 16, 1964 [] advised SA [] that he has no knowledge that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI is involved in the gambling operation at the Club 42 just south of Zion, Illinois. He advised this is basically a hillbilly operation and is run [] both Illinois residents.

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PCI [] (protect identity) advised SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF on April 20, 1964 that the operation of Club 42 is strictly an Illinois proposition although they do induce Wisconsin players. He stated that [] [] are responsible for this game.

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On May 22, 1964, former PCI [] advised that he is familiar with the setup at the Club 42 and stated that this is strictly an Illinois operation and has no Wisconsin backing to his knowledge. He stated that the patrons are mostly women and hillbillies and he is quite certain that it is operated by local talent and is financed locally.

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On May 28, 1964 [] Kenosha Hospital, advised on a confidential basis that [] entered the Kenosha Hospital on a critical basis [] and was discharged after 18 days on

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[redacted] in satisfactory condition. [redacted] advised

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: June 25, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

COVELLI booking at Chicago track with JOHN RIZZO. *WISC. TEL*
Sources have advised that COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO are not currently conducting a crap game in Kenosha. Both COVELLI and RIZZO maintain contact with FRANK BALISTRIERI and the Milwaukee Outfit. COVELLI's 1965 Wisconsin vehicle registration set forth. Kenosha County Courthouse delinquent property tax forms failed to reflect name of subject. COVELLI not involved in gambling operations at Club 42.

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DETAILS:AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On April 22, 1964 MI T-1 advised WILLIAM COVELLI had been to Milwaukee recently and apparently had talked to numerous gamblers as he talked about the recent newspaper article concerning the State of Wisconsin considering on-track horse betting at race tracks that may be opened up in the State of Wisconsin. COVELLI stated that race tracks in Wisconsin would go over in a great way and that the gamblers would push for such a situation. These gamblers would like the race track or tracks near Milwaukee and, if so, COVELLI stated he would attempt to get a job at the race track because of the monetary potential and the number of gamblers around this area that would promote such an operation and be of benefit to COVELLI.

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MI T-1 also advised that [redacted] whom he described as a [redacted] who used to make book and who also goes to [redacted] Restaurant in Cudahy, Wisconsin. a fellow named [redacted] who was [redacted]

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[redacted] all were former players at the RIZZO-COVELLI crap game that was held on 56th Street in Kenosha.

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MI T-1 also advised that [redacted] a close friend of COVELLI's, has suddenly dropped the west side gang because he is afraid his name may be mixed up with the John Doe currently under investigation in Kenosha.

On May 18, 1964 SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. advised that he had been contacted on May 7, 1964 by [redacted]

[redacted] Kenosha Sheriff's Office, and he advised that the tavern owned by "WEISER" COVELLI and LOUIE GRECO, JR. has had a name change from Mr. G's to Loser's Lounge and LOUIE GRECO, JR. is operating it for the partnership as "WEISER" is still active in the Kenosha Vending Company [redacted] [redacted] stated that "WEISER" does not have the personal touch to sustain a tavern business and has let LOU GRECO, JR., who formerly operated LaStrada's Bar, Kenosha, Wisconsin, assume the operations of COVELLI's bar.

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On May 29, 1964 MI T-3 advised that [redacted] [redacted] "WEISER" COVELLI, recently had [redacted]

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[redacted] MI T-3 advised that she had no further details concerning this matter and does not know of the current condition [redacted]

On June 2, 1964 a review was conducted of the entire delinquent property tax rolls on file at the Kenosha County Courthouse and this failed to reflect the name of WILLIAM COVELLI or names known to have been used by COVELLI as having property in the Paddock Lake area.

On this same date WILLIAM COVELLI was observed at the Kenosha Youth Foundation Building servicing one of his vending machines

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and at this time his 1962 Dodge station wagon bore 1965 Wisconsin registration F25-090. A check with the Motor Vehicle Bureau indicated that this car is currently listed to the Kenosha Vending Company, 7827-36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, the firm that COVELLI is currently operating.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 17, 1964 MI T-2 advised that the dice that were found in a cigar box at Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha undoubtedly were used when COVELLI and RIZZO operated the dice game next door to Greco's Restaurant. He also pointed out that at the stag party [redacted] on April 12, 1964 COVELLI and RIZZO stated that there was no craps game currently going on in the Kenosha area.

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On this same date MI T-2 advised that COVELLI and RIZZO plan to start booking at the track in Illinois on April 18, 1964 with their private customers.

On April 24, 1964 MI T-2 advised that BILL COVELLI, AL ALBANA and JOHNNY RIZZO from Kenosha attended the wedding [redacted] which was held [redacted]. He also advised that RIZZO and COVELLI have a direct line in regard to the John Doe investigation conducted in Kenosha. He said that someone who was assisting in conducting investigation is feeding information to RIZZO and COVELLI on what information is being obtained.

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On this same date MI T-2 also advised that WILLIAM COVELLI had commented about his brother, JEFF, and at this time "WEISER" said that JEFF was very quiet.

On May 3, 1964 MI T-2 stated that he has heard nothing concerning the attempted buying of the Key Club in Park City, Illinois by "WEISER" COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, and FRANK BALISTRIERI. He said, however, that FRANK BALISTRIERI is looking around for a new spot for a night club as it is very possible that Gallagher's and the Downtowner may be torn down if the City of Milwaukee goes through with their downtown redevelopment program. He stated that BALISTRIERI

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has looked at several places but has not yet made up his mind where he will try to locate.

On May 18, 1964 MI T-2 advised that AL ALBANA has not been in Milwaukee for a couple of weeks and that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO are going to the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois area every day and are booking at the tracks. He stated that [REDACTED] is also booking at the Illinois tracks and also an individual by the name [REDACTED] is booking there. On May 24, 1964 MI T-2 advised that [REDACTED] are booking at the club house at these tracks.

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On May 24, 1964 MI T-2 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, and AL ALBANA have not been in Milwaukee for the past two or three weeks and that RIZZO and COVELLI continue to receive information from the Kenosha John Doe hearings.

On June 11, 1964 MI T-2 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO continue to book at the track in Chicago every day and are conducting their booking operations from the club house.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 25, 1964

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above.

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2. 1 " " " possible footprint (" " " " " ").
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TO DIRECTOR (162-777)

FROM MILWAUKEE 162-49) 010430

ATTENTION: T. J. MC ANDREWS, DIVISION 9.

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WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA.

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RE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER 23, 1966,
 CAPTIONED "BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, AKA, AR" AND MILWAUKEE
 TELCAL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER 30, 1966.

AT 4:50 PM NOVEMBER 30, 1966, DOMINIC FRINZI, ONE OF
 DEFENSE ATTORNEYS IN CURRENT FRANK P. BALISTRIERI TAX CASE
 IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS DELIVERED SUBPOENA TO SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT MILWAUKEE OFFICE, TO APPEAR IN STATE CIRCUIT
 COURT, KENOSHA, WISCONSIN AT 2 PM, DECEMBER 1, 1966 TO TESTIFY
 ON MOTION IN STATE CASE CASE VERSUS WILLIAM COVELLI, ON
 DEFENDANTS PART, JUDGE M. EUGENE BAKER, CIRCUIT JUDGE, *162-777-74*

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*Memo J. H. Gale to
 Re. Frank 12-1-66*

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PRESIDING.

FRINZI STATED TRIAL OF COVELLI, HIS CLIENT, FOR PERJURY, ARISING OUT OF JOHN DOE INVESTIGATIONS, IS TO BEGIN DECEMBER 5, 1966, AND FRINZI'S MOTION TO BE HEARD DECEMBER 1 TO SUPPRESS ANY EVIDENCE OBTAINED BY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. SAC APPRISED FRANZI OF LIMITED TIME ALLOWED TO CLEAR THIS MATTER WITH HEADQUARTERS AND ADMITTED TIME ELEMENT NOT DISCUSSED WITH COURT.

PROSECUTING STATE CASES AGAINST COVELLI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOHN RIZZO AND OTHERS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SAC NOVEMBER 30, 1966 THAT FRINZI DELIVERED COPY OF MOTION TO HIM THAT DATE, WHICH REFERRED TO FBI ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF FRINZI, APRIL TO OCTOBER, 1963; AVERRED COVELLI HAD NUMEROUS PERSONAL AND PHONE CONFERENCES WITH FRINZI DURING THIS PERIOD AND THAT FBI IN BALISTRIERI TAX CASE ADMITTED ELECTRONIC COVERAGE OF FRINZI; THAT CLARK LOVRIEN (RETIRED FBI AGENT) PARTICIPATED IN FRINZI COVERAGE. MOTION DESIRED HEARING ON SUPPRESSION, WITH LOVRIEN, SA

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[REDACTED] STATE ASSISTANT AG, TESTIFYING
 AS TO DATA GIVEN TO STATE BY FBI.

[REDACTED] REFERRED TO 84 PAGE MEMO GIVEN TO STATE AG OFFICE
 JULY 17, 1964 RE BIERNAT MURDER INVESTIGATION BY FBI, NOW
 HELD [REDACTED] EXISTENCE OF WHICH HE INDICATED FRINZI IS
 AWARE.

RE FOREGOING, IT IS NOTED COVELLI MENTIONED BRIEFLY ONLY
 ONCE IN FRINZI LOGS AS SET FORTH IN RE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL. ALSO
 NOTED LOVRIEN RETIRED IN 1962. FURTHER NOTED ABOVE BIERNAT
 MEMO, GIVEN TO STATE WITH BUREAU APPROVAL PER BUREAU AIRTEL
 DATED JULY 7, 1964, CAPTIONED "JOHN DOE INVESTIGATION,
 KENOSHA, WISCONSIN," CONTAINED NO DATA ATTRIBUTABLE TO ELECTRONIC
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[REDACTED] ADVISED STATE HAS NO DESIRE TO EMBARRASS BUREAU
 IN COVELLI CASE AND THAT [REDACTED] HAS NO INTENTION OF TURNING
 FBI BIERNAT MEMO OVER TO FRINZI OR THE KENOSHA COURT, NOR
 DOES HE DESIRE [REDACTED] BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY. [REDACTED] INTENDS
 TO REQUEST ADJOURNMENT OF COVELLI CASE TO LATER DATE AND IF
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SUPREME COURT ORDER AGAINST [] TESTIFYING. HE ADVISED IF ALL MOVES FAIL, [] HAS INDICATED STATE INTENDS TO MOVE FOR DISMISSAL OF COVELLI CASE, OR ACCEPT LESSER PLEA TO FALSE SWEARING, WHICH FRINZI HAS INTIMATED HE WOULD CONSIDER.

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DEVELOPMENTS DISCUSSED NOVEMBER 30, 1966 BY SAC WITH USA JAMES BRENNAN, EDW. BRENNAN FEELS FEDERAL JUDGE POOS' RESTRICTION ON USE OF FRINZI LOGS TO DEFENSE OF BALISTRIERI PRECLUDES FRINZI'S USE OF SAME IN STATE TRIAL, AT LEAST UNTIL TAX CASE COMPLETED AND FRINZI MAY BE IN CONTEMPT RE HIS CURRENT STATE MOTION AND SUBPOENAS. BRENNAN WILL DISCUSS WITH JUDGE POOS AM DECEMBER 1 AND SEEK ORDER TO QUASH STATE SUBPOENAS. WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH DEPARTMENT RE APPLICATION OF DEPARTMENTAL ORDER TO PRECLUDE TESTIMONY, IN EVENT [] ACTIONS FAIL.

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SAC EMPHATICALLY POINTED OUT TO BRENNAN UNDESIRABILITY OF AGENT TESTIMONY AND RESULTING EMBARRASSMENT TO BUREAU AND DEPARTMENT FROM FRINZI'S SIDE-SHOW TACTICS. BRENNAN AGREES COMPLETELY, FEELS TESTIMONY CAN BE AVERTED AND WILL PERSONALLY ACCOMPANY SA [] TO KENOSHA COURT UNLESS APPEARANCE CANCELLED EARLIER. IF SUBPOENA MUST BE HONORED, BUREAU WILL BE

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ADVISED BEFOREHAND.

SAC, MILWAUKEE PERSONALLY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER SO AS
 TO OBVIATE NECESSITY FOR SA TESTIMONY IF
 POSSIBLE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 1, 1966

FROM : J. H. Gale

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI
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We received information on November 22, 1966, from Milwaukee attorney [redacted] to the effect that Dominic Frinzi, another Milwaukee attorney, had stated he intended to request dismissal of State perjury charges against one of his clients, William Covelli, based on the fact that the FBI had Frinzi's office under electronic surveillance during the time he was acting as attorney for this defendant.

Information as to the Bureau's electronic surveillance coverage of Frinzi's office was furnished to the Department in the current income tax case involving Milwaukee hoodlum, Frank Peter Balistrieri, and it appears that Frinzi learned through this of our coverage on him.

Late in the afternoon of November 30, 1966, Frinzi delivered a subpoena to SA [redacted] to appear in State Circuit Court, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on the afternoon of December 1, 1966, to testify on a motion in the State case versus William Covelli. The motion is one to suppress any evidence obtained by electronic surveillance. SA [redacted] participated in the microphone coverage of Frinzi's office.

[redacted] who is prosecuting the State case against Covelli, advised our Milwaukee Office Frinzi had furnished him a copy of the motion which averred that Covelli had numerous personal and telephone conferences with Frinzi during the period of FBI electronic surveillance of Frinzi, which was in existence from April to October, 1963. [redacted] also referred to an 84-page memorandum, which the Bureau had given to the Milwaukee State Attorney General's office in 1964, concerning FBI investigation of the murder of Anthony Biernat, a Wisconsin jukebox operator. [redacted] indicated that Frinzi is aware of this document.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: William Covelli

Milwaukee advises that Covelli is mentioned only once, briefly, in the log of the Frinzi microphone, on June 13, 1963, when one [] told Frinzi he had been questioned by the FBI regarding Covelli. The memorandum referred to which was given to Wisconsin authorities, after Bureau approval, contained no data attributable to electronic sources.

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[] has advised he has no desire to embarrass the Bureau in the Covelli case and that the Biernat memorandum will not be turned over nor does he desire SA [] be required to testify. [] intends to request adjournment of the Covelli case until a later date and if unsuccessful, will request a 24-hour stay in order to seek a Wisconsin State Supreme Court order against [] testifying. He has advised the Milwaukee Office that if all these moves fail, then the State Attorney General [] has indicated he will move for dismissal of the Covelli case or accept a lesser plea to one of false swearing, which defense attorney Frinzi has indicated he will consider.

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United States Attorney James Brennan of Milwaukee has been contacted by the SAC at Milwaukee and advises he feels that Federal Judge Poos' restriction on the use of the Frinzi logs in the Balistrieri tax case precludes their use in a State trial, at least until the tax case is complete. Brennan indicated he would discuss this with Judge Poos December 1, 1966, to seek an order quashing the State subpoena for SA []. Brennan will also discuss this with the Department concerning the invocation of Departmental Order to preclude Agent's testimony in the event attorney Croak's efforts are unsuccessful.

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The SAC at Milwaukee has emphatically pointed out to Brennan the undesirability of Agent testimony in the Covelli State trial and the resulting embarrassment to the Bureau and the Department which could arise from Frinzi's tactics in this case. Brennan agrees with this view and feels testimony can be averted. He will personally accompany SA [] to Kenosha Court in the event above actions fail and Agent is required to appear.

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ACTION:

A memorandum is being forwarded informing the Department of the above developments.

SEE ADDENDUM PAGE 3

Follow up on []
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: William Covelli

ADDENDUM

SAC Fields telephonically advised today that United States Attorney Brennan has contacted Assistant Attorney General Vinson relative to this matter and Vinson indicated that Executive Privilege will be invoked to prevent SA [] testimony if necessary. SAC, Milwaukee advised attorney [] has motion pending with the court to continue the Agent's appearance and feels that the court will grant this motion.

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NOTE: SA [REDACTED] of the Milwaukee Office has been subpoenaed to testify concerning a motion to suppress in a state perjury case against William Covelli in which defense attorneys seek to use FBI microphone surveillance as a basis for motion.

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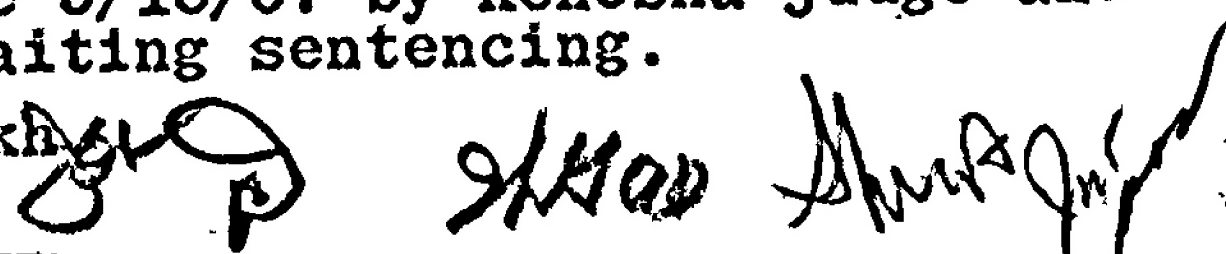
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During the trial of William Covelli, a Kenosha, Wisconsin, gambling figure charged in State Court with perjury arising from grand jury testimony, his defense attorney Dominic Frinzi sought to suppress information obtained from FBI surveillance of Frinzi's office in Milwaukee. No information pertinent to perjury case was developed through this coverage.

Agent of Milwaukee Office testified pursuant to specific authorization of the Attorney General in Covelli's trial that he had participated in electronic surveillance of Frinzi's office but had overheard no conversations pertaining to perjury matter.

Covelli found guilty of perjury charge 5/18/67 by Kenosha judge and is awaiting sentencing.

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Date: 5/19/67

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Mr. Wick	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (66-950)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI
~~AR ANTI-RACKETEERING~~

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/24/67 and Milwaukee teletype, 4/1/67.

On 5/18/67, COVELLI was found guilty of perjury by Circuit Judge M. EUGENE BAKER, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Judge BAKER ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set June 5, 1967, for sentencing. Judge BAKER released COVELLI under \$500 bond.

The above-information is being set forth for the information of the Bureau.

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